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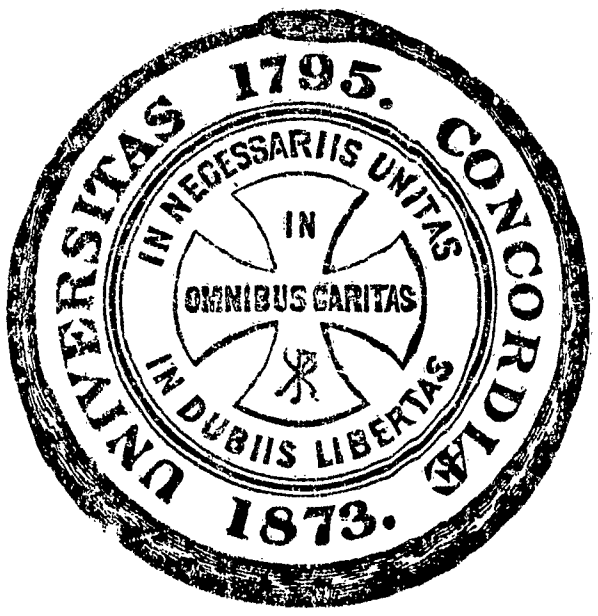


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## The Albany Concert.

The Musical Association gave its annual Albany concert last Friday evening in Odd Fellows' Hall. That it was an unqualified success financially, musically, socially, goes without saying. A committee of prominent alumni did all they could to aid Manager Sinclair in the disposal of tickets and the result was a more successful concert than our clubs had ever before given in Albany.

During the afternoon the members of the association were entertained by Mrs. Albert Vander Veer at her home at the corner of State and Eagle streets. Mrs. Vander Veer was assisted in receiving by this year's debutantes: Miss May King, Miss Ruby Newcomb, Miss Margaret Tucker, Miss Dorothy Kernochan, Miss Alice Treadwell, Miss Julia Gardner, Miss Ethel Van Benthuysen, Miss Katherine Norton, Miss Edith Easton, Miss Gertrude Sard, Miss Ruth Pruyn, Miss Tillinghast, Miss Miller, Miss Banks. Tea was dispensed by Mrs. Stott and Mrs. O. M. Benedict.

When the clubs came on the platform of Odd Fellows' Hall, they were greeted with a storm of applause. The audience, which filled the hall, was composed largely of young people, of whom the greater portion were young ladies. Albany is deservedly famous for its pretty girls and it seems no exaggeration to say that every one graced the occasion by her presence.

The clubs were never in better condition than on Friday evening and as each number was concluded, the audience enthusiastically demanded an encore until the musicians were suffused with blushes. All the clubs outdid themselves on this occasion and individual excellence served to make this concert an exceedingly delightful affair.

At the conclusion of the program, the members were entertained at the Fort Orange Club. Fort Orange Club men are right royal hosts and a merry time was enjoyed which will be regarded by those present as ample reward for many hours of faithful practice.

## The Literary Societies.

The Adelphics and Philomatheans are meeting Thursday evening of each week and holding debates on some phase of the general subject of the Allison-Foote debate: Resolved that municipalities should be governed by municipal parties.

The Adelphics have chosen Swann, '98, Nelson, '98, and Cullen, '98, as debaters. The Philomathean debaters are W. D. Reed, '98, Holcombe, '98, and Sheehan, '98. The annual debate between the two societies will take place February 17. An unusual amount of interest is being taken by both societies, as until last year the Adelphics have been successful in winning the prizes. At that time Cullen, '98, an Adelphic, won the prize for the best individual debate, while the Philomathean Society carried away the laurels for the best debate as a society.

The debate promises to be of unusual interest as the debaters of each society are conceded by disinterested parties to be very evenly matched. Too much cannot be said in support of these grand old institutions. Five years since the Garnet was authority for the statement that they had become a thing of the past. Present circumstances make this statement ridiculous. While they may not thrive as they did in their palmy days before fraternities had been founded to such an extent, they are still a potent factor in college life.

Since prizes were offered three years ago new interest has been awakened which promises to rival that of former days. Their utility cannot be questioned, as they stimulate a phase of work too much overlooked in the educational systems of the day. The present support of them by the undergraduate body speaks well for their continuance. If the past may be used as a criterion, their dismemberment is yet a long way off.

At a recent meeting the Adelphic Society elected the following officers for the winter term: President, E. H. Rodgers, '98; vice-president, W. H. Breeze, '99; secretary, G. E. Raitt, 1900; treasurer, J. M. Tuggey, 1900; curators, Sheehan, 1901, Slack, 1901.

## Anthony Hope's Reading.

Saturday, Jan. 8, the next to the last entertainment in the course given for the benefit of the Schenectady Free Library was given in the First Reformed church. Mr. Anthony Hope Hawkins, who has achieved such a prominent place among the prose authors of today over the signature of Anthony Hope was introduced by President Raymond and very enjoyably entertained a large and cultivated audience by reading selections from his own writings.

He read "The Philosopher of the Apple Orchard," the chapter from "The Prisoner of Zenda," entitled "If Love were all," and selections from "The Dolly Dialogues," entitled "Cordial Relations," "Retribution," "A Slight Mistake," and "A Very Dull Affair."

Anthony Hope is not an elocutionist but with his clear, full voice and smooth, emphatic manner he is what may be called a natural reader, carrying his listeners with him and revealing the fine delicacies of humor and pathos by the voice as well as by the text. He uses few gestures and but few obtrusions of self into the spirit of the subject. One closes his eyes and is equally as well entertained as he who watches every movement of the reader.

The audience, while keenly enjoying the emotions produced by the turns of humor or pathos in the readings, was not disposed to be demonstrative in their appreciation. This was due, perhaps, to the quality of Mr. Hope's humor and pathos. The effect of his humor is to leave one in such an agreeable state of tranquil amusement as to preclude any idea of outward expression except, perhaps, a faint, fleeting smile. His pathos is so genuine and so natural that one's sympathies are so much aroused that one is surprised to find them so abundant in his own nature.

Mr. Hope, personally, is a plain, smooth-faced, serious young Englishman. His manner is quiet, precise, unassuming and thoughtful. Should he again visit Schenectady before returning home to England, he will be cordially welcomed by those whom he so charmingly entertained Saturday evening and also by many who have since regretted not hearing him.

## Track Athletic Prospects.

The annual mid-winter athletic meet of the year will take place some time during the month of February. The place has not yet been decided upon.

The records of the fall meet show that there is good athletic material in Union college, but the winners of the events should not be content to let those records stand; by hard, persistent training they should endeavor to break them, and win honor for themselves and for the college.

The success of the intercollegiate meet next June depends upon the athletic work done by the college during the remainder of the year. The other colleges will put forth their best efforts to defeat Union, and if we carry off the pennant again this year, all the more glory will be our due.

The gymnasium has been refitted and every man who thinks he can do any kind of athletic work must come out and train. Even if a man wins no place in the events, he will show his good will by coming out, he will build up his own body, and his efforts to gain a place will inspire the rest with enthusiasm and better results will be accomplished.

This is the best of weather for training. It is too cold to remain standing, and exercise will make the blood tingle. Students are apt to spend too much time indoors during the winter, and an hour's training in the gymnasium every afternoon will improve the condition of every man.

That nothing permanent can be accomplished except by persistent labor is equally true in study and in track athletics. There are few college men who cannot spare some time for exercise each day; so let each man feel that the success of the mid-winter meet depends upon the energy that he himself puts forth. Come out yourself and bring your roommate. Look up those who have done athletic work and bring them out into the gymnasium. Let there be enthusiasm throughout the college and an establishment of new records that will surprise the other colleges. Let there be strong competition and hard work and the coming meet will be a success and the intercollegiate meet in the spring will again be won by Union.

## The Sunday Afternoon Service.

At the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoon, Dr. Raymond addressed the students, taking as his text, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day." He said in part:

Christ said this of himself, but since we should say of ourselves whatever Christ says of himself, the words have a very personal application to Christians. In choosing this text for the first afternoon meeting of the year, we desire to give living and practical force to the purpose which made Christ's work so manifestly divine. To our Lord it was a recognized obligation of manhood that he must work. With some this truth runs counter to their idea of blessedness. But desire for idleness, so far as it means longing for rest, is but a result of exhausted nerves and will disappear with the return of normal vigor. But if one thinks of work as a curse, it indicates a lack of the first elements of manly character, the lack that we find in the typical tramp. It is hard to sympathize with such a man, for we see in him nothing worthy of respect; not because of his rags and dirt, but because of the absence of this fundamental virtue, which shows more than any other the difference between a man and a mere animal. But the tramp nature is not always distinguishable by the accessories of poverty. One whose only thought is his own ease, who feels no obligation to use his powers for other ends, is full brother to the man in rags who meets him on the street with a request for food, drink, and a night's lodging, Both are parasites. Carlyle has said "the epic of our times is not, arms and the man, but, tools and the man, an infinitely wider kind of epic."

But we must not glorify the mere exercise of energy. Much as we admire activity, we somehow reserve judgment until we know for what end the man works. Idleness is only one form of selfishness. If a brother of the typical tramp is the rich man who does no work, then his half brother is the man who, however much he may work, works for the same end, himself. Christ did not stop after, "I must work," but completed his words with, "The works of Him that sent me." This brought the matter from abstract to concrete. He had discovered a man born blind. After rebuking the irrelevancy of the questions put by the Pharisees, he healed the blind man, showing how important he considered ministry, which should be the purpose and end of all activity. The particular form is not so important as the fact that it must be ministry.

There is yet a deeper meaning in Christ's words. Many would think they do God service, if they fling the blind beggar a coin. Christ went to the root of his poverty and made him able to earn his own coins. The divine way of meeting an appeal of wide spread suffering is not a relief fund, but employment. Among men in such a case, if work can not be found it should be made, though it is harder than alms giving; not the easiest thing but the best. Our mission as sons of God and workers together with God is to address ourselves to the deepest needs of humanity, to bear the sin and suffering and sorrow and unbelief of others on our hearts, till feeling with them and for them we are able to give them peace and triumphant faith.

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## Sophomore Soiree.

The Sophomore Soiree Committe held its first meeting at the Alpha Delta Phi house, Monday, Jan. 10. The date decided on was Feb. 18, the Friday before Lent, and the place the Van Curler. The following sub-committees were appointed:

Printing—Francis, chairman; Gage, Lawrence.

Refreshment—Kirby, chairman; Francis, Wood.

Patroness—Paige, chairman; Brownell, MacCulloch.

Music—Lawrence, chairman; Paige, Kirby.

Carriage—MacCulloch, chairman; Davis, Pike.

Finance—Stewart, chairman; Francis, Kirby.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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MacMillan, '98, and Jones, '98, have returned to college after a term's absence.

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THE enthusiastic reception given the concert of the Musical Association at Albany last Friday night is a token of the popularity of that organization with those who know its worth. Albanians have always supported well the annual concert of the association and they regard it as one of the chief events in the musical life of the capital city.

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THE request that was made at the last college meeting for the speedy payment of all outstanding subscriptions deserves attention. Good management and good playing are essential elements of every athletic contest, but neither of these can be expected unless hearty financial support is given by the students. The expenses of each season are carefully estimated and the amount subscribed is taken as the basis of expenditure. Failure to pay promptly all subscriptions hinders the management and this seriously affects the teams. The Athletic Board will not sanction any schedule until all bills for the preceding season are paid. A prompt response to the appeal of the managers will insure the financial success of the coming season.

IN track athletics the prospect for this year is as bright as ever. Union has never been forced to take an inferior position in this branch of athletics, but has invariably equaled and surpassed neighboring colleges of her size. The gymnasium has been thoroughly renovated and the facilities for training are better than they have been in previous years. All that is needed is the spirit of work, the spirit that sacrifices personal pleasure to the good of the college. With conscientious, regular training almost any able-bodied man can succeed in track athletics, and individual work counts here even more than in baseball or football. Union needs men who will devote time and energy to preparation, for only by careful individual training can a team hope to win.

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MUCH comment has been caused by the assertion of President Harper, of Chicago University, that the poor quality of food furnished by Chicago boarding houses has brought about the death of several students. Although the statement seems sensational, there must be some truth in it. President Harper does not usually speak rashly. May not the method he proposes for obviating this difficulty be worthy of thought? Many colleges have found a commons at which all the students can obtain good food and plenty of it, a profitable financial venture as well as an economic advantage. The suggestion that a commons be established at Union is not new, but those in authority might find it practicable if they once put it to the test.

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THE decadence of literary societies in colleges has been a favorite theme for the pessimist. Undoubtedly there was for many years a lack of interest in public debate, but that was only temporary. Today public debates between colleges and college societies are ordinary occurrences. More attention is paid by the public to oratorial contests than to any other feature of the intellectual life of colleges. Prize debates and oratorical contests at Union have invariably drawn large audiences. This term an especial treat is reserved for Union in the inter-collegiate oratorical contest between Rochester, Syracuse and Union. All who recognize the importance of such contests should support them by their patronage. May the time never come when interest in oratory or debate shall cease.

## Minor Topics.

R. H. Rogers, '99, has left college.

W. D. Hodgson, 1901, is ill at his home in Binghamton, N. Y.

Dr. Charles P. Linhart has been elected vice-president of the Association of Physical Directors.

E. S. C. Harris, '86, has recently accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Chas. A. Marvin, '87, returned last week from the west and has begun the practice of law in Ballston Spa, N. Y.

Orson Richards, '95, has secured a position as inspector on the state canal. He is at present located at Fort Edward.

Paul J. Strohauer, '97, now in the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, was in town lately looking up old friends.

Prof. Sidney G. Ashmore delivered a lecture illustrated by lantern slides before the Fortnightly club in the college chapel, Monday.

The next regular meeting of the board of trustees will be held in Albany, January 25, not January 15 as erroneously announced.

Gov. Black has been asked to speak at the banquet of the Northeastern New York Alumni Association to be held in Albany at the Hotel Kenmore, January 28, 1898.

H. C. Allen, ex-'98, is one of the eight contestants in the preliminary debate to determine the Cornell debaters in the annual Cornell-Pennsylvania debate, to be held at Ithaca in March.

A large number of alumni and a few students attended last night the semi-public installation of the re-elected officers of St. George's Lodge, No. 6, F. and A. M., by the officers of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Prof. Sidney G. Ashmore attended, on Wednesday, the marriage of his sister, Mrs. Pascol St. Leger Grenfell, formerly Mrs. Charles Ashmore, nee Miss Isabel Ashmore, to Mr. William Schall, Jr., at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Ashmore, 102 Waverly Place, New York.

The Philomathean society met Wednesday evening and elected officers as follows: President, William L. Fisher, '98; vice-president, M. G. Thomas, '98; secretary, E. R. Cullings, 1900; treasurer, J. N. Vander Veer, '99; curator, Cheeseborough, 1901.

## Notes from Other Colleges.

The registration at Princeton this year is 1065, 20 more than last year.

Work has been recommenced on the new library of the University of Wisconsin.

The Yale Musical Clubs are taking a three weeks' trip, going as far west as Denver.

The trustees of Amherst College have decided to add to the curriculum a course in music.

For the fourth successive time Harvard has defeated Columbia, Princeton and Yale, in the order named, in the contest for the inter-collegiate chess championship.

The University of Pennsylvania has established a publication fund to defray the expense of printing original contributions by members of the faculty.

For the third successive time, Yale has won the annual Yale-Harvard debate. Yale took the negative side of the question, which was, "Resolved, That the United States should annex the Hawaiian Islands."

The Cornell alumni of New York City have formed a permanent organization with club rooms in the Royalton. The real purpose of the movement is to have an active graduate member of the athletic council.

Lafayette has suffered a severe loss in the burning of the scientific building of the college, Pardee Hall. The insurance is $145,000, but the total loss will be over $100,000, many valuable collections having been destroyed.

The Rev. T. K. Cheyne, M. A., D. D., Oriel Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture at Oxford, is giving a series of six lectures on "Jewish Religion and Religious Life after the Exile," at the University of Pennsylvania.

At their last meeting, the trustees of Princeton University passed a resolution to enforce an old rule of the university which prohibits students from frequenting any place where intoxicating liquors are sold. The action is aimed principally at the now famous grill room of the Princeton

Inn, and was brought about chiefly through the efforts of the New Brunswick Synod of the Presbyterian Church.

Wholesale dismissions have been made at Leland Stanford, Jr., University for immorality, vulgarity, and inferiority in college work. Forty-one students have been dropped, who had distinguished themselves by drinking, carousing and parading the streets of San Francisco, and making themselves generally offensive when the Stanford 'Varsity defeated the California State University team on Thanksgiving day. These dismissals are in accord with the policy recently announced by President Jordan, who stated that idle and dissolute students are a hindrance to good work by the industrious.


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## The Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest.

The tri-college oratorical contest between the universities of Rochester, Syracuse and Union will be held in Schenectady early in March. The preliminary trial will be held about a month earlier. This is open to any regular student who has no conditions, and is a member of one of the literary societies.


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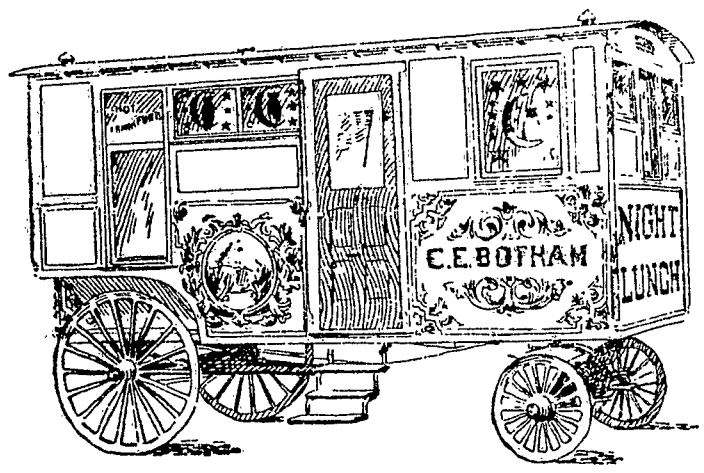


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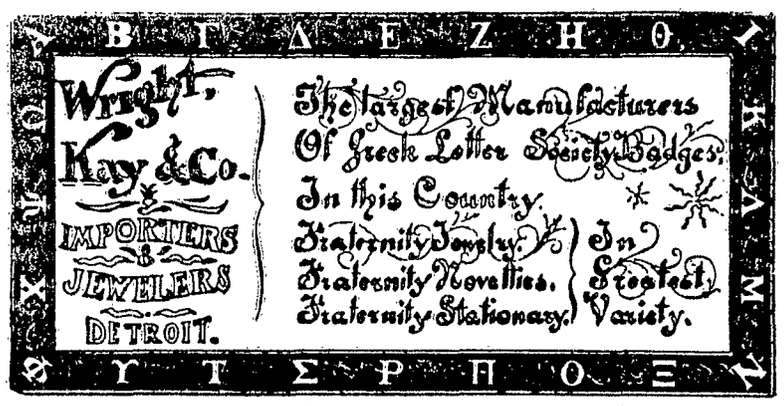


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