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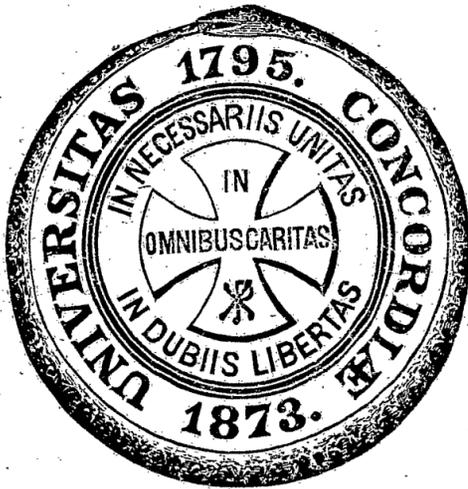
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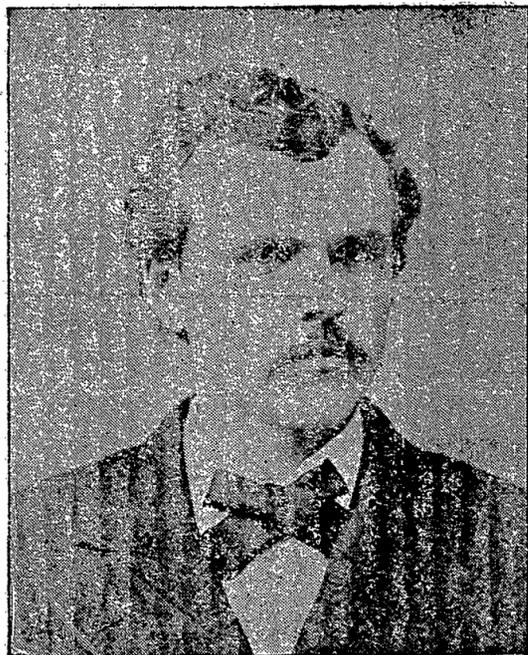
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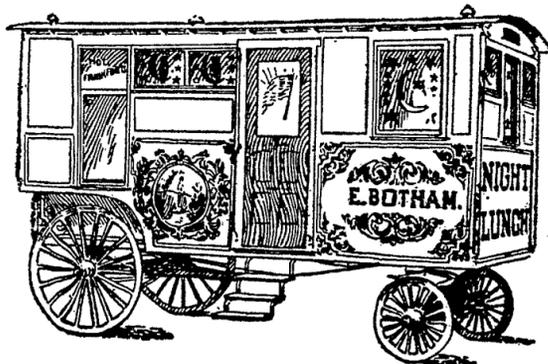
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CONTROVERSY ENDED.

Text of Union's Ultimatum--Her Position Outlined.

The following communication is the report in full of the committee of the Union Athletic Board on the matter of the Union-Hamilton football game of Nov. 11, 1899. This report was given to the press on Wednesday, Jan. 17, and its unbiased treatment of the facts in the case gained for it wide publication throughout the state.

The article is important as clearing Union College from the gross charges made against her students as a result of the game; and accordingly it will be read with pleasure by alumni and friends of the institution.

The controversy between Union and Hamilton colleges which has received considerable attention in the press for the past two months has now, it is believed, been terminated. It arose over the Hamilton-Union football game played in Schenectady on Nov. 11, the Hamilton men alleging that their coach, E. R. Sweetland, was treated with violence by the Union students at that time. This report was widely published and naturally it did not reflect credit upon Union. Accordingly both colleges appointed investigating committees, a joint meeting of which was held at Schenectady on Nov. 24. At that time the Hamilton committee presented its official charges in brief as follows:

1. That Union manifested a spirit of animosity before and during the game.
2. That sufficient order was not preserved among the spectators.
3. That violence was used against E. R. Sweetland, Hamilton's coach.

A mass of written evidence was collected by both sides and exchanged, and Union's answer to the charges in the shape of the following ultimatum, dated Dec. 30, was sent to Hamilton on Jan. 7.

On Jan. 13 Hamilton took action to withdraw from the New York State Inter-collegiate Athletic union.

The document is interesting as setting forth briefly Union's attitude in the whole matter, and it also shows that Hamilton withdrew from the league only after Union had severed athletic relations with her.

"To the Hamilton College Athletic association—Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the athletic board of Union College, held Dec. 16, 1899, Professor Opdyke, in behalf of Union's undergraduate investigating committee, reported the charges made by Hamilton College in reference to the Hamilton-Union football game of Nov. 11 and submitted the work of the Union and of the Hamilton committee, together with the correspondence and papers in the case. A thorough discussion of the matter was had, certain conclusions drawn, and a committee appointed to submit such conclusions to the representatives of Hamilton College.

The case in brief appears to us thus:

The Hamilton team appeared upon Union's grounds Nov. 11 with a Hamilton alumnus to act as its official, Hamilton's manager having previously written Union for its official, saying that he believed that in league games it was necessary to have other than a man from one's own college, and Union's manager having in reply named its official, a Cornell man.

Union protested, but Hamilton refused to play unless its alumnus was allowed, and Union yielded. This discussion took place on the campus and occupied some time and delayed the commencing of the game when darkness was likely to come on too soon. The action of Hamilton in this particular was not likely to inspire the onlookers with respect. The game was played on the college campus, a level grass-covered field. A rope was stretched along as a barrier to keep the spectators off the players' field. Two policemen were in attendance, the college officer and a special. These are the usual precautions Union has heretofore found sufficient to preserve order.

Mr. Sweetland made himself obnoxious to the spectators by repeatedly going on the players' field beyond the side lines and disregarding requests to keep off; by apparently coaching his team; and by walking along one side of the rope,

the spectators being on the other, and there exhibiting some bills to the spectators and asking who would cover them.

The Hamilton referee made some wrong decisions, at least once refused a measurement when one was called for, refused to reverse himself when convicted of an error and convinced the spectators that he was not altogether fair. He even became a stakeholder for some of Sweetland's bets.

The Hamilton referee was several times requested to keep Sweetland off the field while the play was in progress, who replied that he would do as he saw fit.

The acts on the part of the referee and the coach naturally exasperated the spectators.

Finally towards the end of the game when it was growing dark and the play going on, Sweetland rushed on the field to one of his men and touched him. As Sweetland started the crowd shouted to the officer to put Sweetland off the field; an officer ran to him and a number of the crowd likewise. His friends claim he was roughly handled. Perhaps he was, but the statements submitted to us by the Union committee do not show anything very serious, while the statements submitted by the Hamilton committee are somewhat conflicting, one being that the officers were shoving Sweetland off the field, one holding him by the coat near the throat with one hand, while with the other he brandished his club near Sweetland's face; another that he saw Sweetland struck and kicked, always from behind; while a third says the policeman had no more to do with taking Sweetland off the field than did any other man in the crowd except that he opposed him (Sweetland going off the field backward) and took a leading part in rushing him back; while another says he has personal knowledge that policemen beat Sweetland with their clubs.

Sweetland himself makes no statement.

At all events it is clear that Sweetland during the game was frequently on the field, where he had no right to be; that his conduct was offensive and exasperating, and that he was irrepressible in unreasonable meddling with the play.

We regret exceedingly that Hamilton insisted upon having an alumnus act as its official; we regret that Mr. Sweetland's conduct was such as it was; while we, at the same time, are of the opinion that, had Hamilton chosen an alumnus other than of her own college to act as its official and restrained Sweetland within proper bounds, the game would have passed off to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

However much we may deplore the effect upon the spectators of an incompetent referee and an over-zealous coach, yet we do not hold ourselves

responsible for that mental phenomenon and, it seems to us, ought not to be held responsible for its manifestations.

As to the charge that Union was animated by a spirit of animosity toward Hamilton before the game, we believe that no such spirit existed. But for the occurrences during the game we do not believe Hamilton would have entertained such a charge a moment; and those occurrences we think are referable to Hamilton's coach and referee.

We regret exceedingly that Hamilton's visit to Union was not pleasant and satisfactory. We are much chagrined at its outcome.

A copy of "Hamilton Life" of Nov. 18, 1899, was also submitted to us. Its allusions to Union are so gross as to require no comment. We call it to your attention that you may hasten to disclaim responsibility for or approval of its reflections on Union.

Nov. 24 a conference was held at Schenectady between a committee appointed by Hamilton and one appointed by Union, at which these matters were discussed without a result being reached, but at which meeting the committees agreed that nothing more should be printed until the committees should reach an agreement and submit a joint report.

We have before us a copy of The Hamilton Review of December, 1899, which contains matter reflecting on Union in as reprehensible terms as the above mentioned Hamilton Life.

In order to re-establish relations of friendly intercourse between Union and Hamilton, we are directed to request that the student body of Hamilton College, or the athletic board or association representing Hamilton College interests in athletics:

1. Express to the athletic board of Union College regret that the management of the Hamilton College football team selected an alumnus of Hamilton College to act as its official at the recent Hamilton-Union game and insisted upon his being allowed to act as such official.
2. Express to the athletic board of Union College regret that Mr. Sweetland, coach for Hamilton, failed, at the recent Hamilton-Union game, to keep his proper place and observe the rules of the game.
3. Express to the athletic board of Union College regret that the editors and publishers of Hamilton Life published in its issue of Nov. 18 the several articles appearing therein reflecting upon Union College.
4. Express to the athletic board of Union College regret that the editors and publishers of the Hamilton Review violated the agreement made by the Hamilton committee with the Union committee.

Nov. 24, by publishing matter reflecting on Union in its December issue.

5. Express to the athletic board of Union College regret that the Albany and Utica papers contained articles upon the recent Hamilton-Union game which were unfair to Union College.

We are further directed to say that if the Hamilton representatives do not see their way clear to grant readily our requests as above set forth, the athletic board of Union College is willing with the concurrence of the Hamilton representatives to submit the whole matter to the investigation and determination of a disinterested arbitrator or referee, to be hereafter agreed upon.

We are further requested to inform the Hamilton representatives that, upon the presentation to the athletic board of Union College (at the meeting above referred to) of a letter from the Hamilton football manager for 1900, under date Dec. 13, 1900, requesting the scheduling of a game for Oct. 6, 1900, it was resolved by the board that Union College sever all athletic relations with Hamilton pending a satisfactory answer to the above requests.

All of which we respectfully submit."

Dated, Union College, Dec. 30, 1899.

ROBERT J. LANDON, Class of '80,
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Chairman Ex. Committee Athletic Board Union College.

JUNIOR HOP COMMITTEE ORGANIZED.

The Junior Hop committee has organized and formulated plans for the winter and spring seasons. A series of hops will be given, the number of which will be dependent on the support given the committee. The first hop will be held at Yates' boat house next Friday evening. If this hop is successful, another may be given during the term. The committee is composed as follows: John E. Parker, Georgetown, S. C., chairman; Richard Franchot Warner, Rochester; George Hackett, Utica; Porter Lee Merri- man, Albany; Gardiner Kline, Amsterdam; Herbert Lee Fuller, Waterport; Arthur S. Golden, Rensselaerville; Roy E. Argersinger, Johnstown; Harry A. Barrett, Lansingburgh; Charles J. Bennett, Amsterdam, and Rodman H. Robinson, Middleburgh.

1902 AND 1903 OVERTHROWN.

On Friday morning the campus was in such a prime condition for the yearly snowball scrap that the conflict was irresistible. Miniature lakes were scattered over the surface (and a few underneath) and what snow the rain had left was just right according to public opinion.

As the Sophs came out of chapel they were greeted with a volley of snowballs by some Frosh and so the fight was brought on. The usual exchange of frozen compliments which give the name to the scrap, but play a very small part in the affray now, had lasted but for a short time, when the Sophs showed good leadership in changing their headquarters from in front of chapel up the lane toward the woods, as this brought them further from the terrace. The Frosh finally realized the main object of the fight and began dragging 1902 across the campus, wiping up the smaller pools and distributing the larger more evenly. Nearer and nearer to the "grand old seat of stone" surged the battling compound of humanity, water and mother earth. The Frosh had the advantage of numbers, or rather would have had it if so many of their men had not tried to stand around among the upper classmen, and when they decided that a man should go over he went, and the different attitudes that were assumed in going down the slide and into the water would have furnished a school of artists with material for scores of pictures. At last the noble leader of the freshmen acquired the faculty of escaping and immediately improved his opportunities. His wretched followers gazed enviously after him and wished they had the self-same faculty. Under this treasonable blow the Freshmen lost heart and the Sophs, who had lost about everything else, coming to a silent mutual agreement, dissolved themselves and evaporated into the dense fog which surrounded them.

Charles E. Patterson, '60, and Seymour Van Santvoord, '78, of Troy, attended the dinner of the Holland Society at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, Thursday evening.

MINIMUM COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS IN HISTORY.

Under the tyranny of the classics, history was taught in the preparatory schools as a sub-ordinate subject. It was barely tolerated and then only as a hand-maid to Latin and Greek. It is truly a commentary upon past educational ideals that "the most human of all studies should have been a slave to the humanities." But the day of emancipation is at hand and the time is not far distant when history will take that position in the preparatory school curriculum that its merits as a disciplinary and educational power demands. When well taught, there is no subject that trains the mind, strengthens the powers of judgment, and creates a proper perspective better than history. But that is just where its educational thralldom has been most harmful to it. Prior to the present reform, any one was considered competent to teach the subject. In the preparatory schools especially, it had been passed from the teacher of physical culture, to the teachers of drawing, music, and what not until its representatives had become thoroughly disheartened and wondered if next it would be confided to the tender mercies of the scrub-woman and the janitor.

Since the memorable reports of the Committee of Ten, the Columbian conference, and the committee on college-entrance requirements to the National Educational Association, a remarkable change has taken place. The Madison Conference on History, Civil Government, and Economics submitted its conclusions to the Committee of Ten in 1892. That year marks the beginning of scientific reform in the teaching of history in the preparatory schools. The conclusions of the Madison Conference have a fitting climax in the admirable report of the Committee of Seven published during the current year. The period of six years between the publication of the reports of these two committees has witnessed the growth of a healthy sentiment towards the study of history in the preparatory schools. It has resulted, for the most part, in the liberation of history from its subserviency to Latin and Greek. Students should no longer be taught Roman history solely that they may the better appreciate Cicero, or Grecian history that they may more satisfactorily comprehend Demosthenes. It is almost reversing the true order not to do so. History is the help-meet of the Roman and Greek classics but not the slave.

The emancipation of history being an accomplished fact in the best preparatory schools and its restoration to its proper place in the curri-

culum being rapidly advanced towards accomplishment, it is in order to ask, what is that proper place? In other words and from another point of view, what should be the minimum college-entrance requirements?

From a theoretical and general point of view, one of the recommendations of the Committee of Seven for a four years' course in preparatory schools is without exception. It is as follows:

First year.—Ancient History to 800 A. D.

Second year.—Mediaeval and Modern European History.

Third year.—English History.

Fourth year.—American History and Civil Government.

Each subject should be taught at least three periods a week throughout each year.

No exception can be found to this schedule from a theoretical and general point of view. But, as the committee frankly admits, in its application to specific conditions, it might be necessary and, in many cases, it would be well to modify the schedule.

In the State of New York, this would seem to be advisable. Not that the recommendations might not in time be carried out to the letter—on the contrary quite the reverse is true—but that from the point of view of expediency it would be better to modify the existing preparatory school curriculum than to revolutionize it. Such has been the remarkable improvement made in this State in the position of history in the school curriculum that modification according to the ideal schedule of the Committee of Seven would not be the almost impossible task that one might think. A table* is appended that will illustrate this fact.

This table has been arranged from material collected from over a hundred students now in residence at Union College. In selecting from their material, care has been taken as to the following important points:

1. That only the best and most complete cases be selected.
2. That they be taken to represent those preparatory schools that are geographically distributed over the whole State.
3. That urban and rural schools be approximately equally represented.
4. That cases be taken from the Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman classes and from all the different courses.
5. That good, bad, and indifferent schools be proportionally represented.

The table is given merely for illustration and claims no scientific value. It may be even mis-

leading for several reasons: 1.) the student body of Union College is not representative of the whole State of New York geographically considered—urban and rural; 2.) statements of students two, three and four years out of the preparatory schools are apt to be clouded by reason of fading memory and the want of sufficient data at hand; 3.) the chronic fickleness and unmanagableness of all statistics having such few elements in common.

However, to the extent the table has any value whatever, it presents the following interesting phenomena: 1.) By far the most prominent subjects taught in the preparatory schools are, as would be naturally supposed, United States, English, Roman, and Grecian history; 2.) the percentage of students taking United States and English history has steadily increased within the last four years while almost the reverse is true with respect to Roman and Grecian history; 3.) that the portion of a year devoted to United States history has steadily increased while with respect to the other three no material change has taken place; 4.) that while the number of periods per week devoted to the study of United States, Roman, and Grecian history has steadily increased, no material change has occurred with respect to English history; 5.) that with respect to all four subjects the average number of periods per week is three.

If wider and more careful investigation prove that these conclusions drawn from this table are, in the main, indicative of the actual facts, then will we not be warranted in claiming that progress in history in the preparatory schools of this State is evolving a schedule that is not very dissimilar in essential points to a schedule for four years recommended by the Committee of Seven? And furthermore, could not the following schedule serve as a working basis for our preparatory schools from which to work up to the recommendations of the Committee of Seven? If our table is at all trustworthy this schedule is, in fact, an average of what the schools are offering at present in history. Points in favor of this schedule might be urged apart from its character as a temporary basis from which to work towards a better, but to do so would be to attempt more than we set out to do. This is the schedule so proposed and the one furnishing the basis for entrance requirements to college:

- First year.—Grecian History—3 hours a week.
- Second year.—Roman History—3 hours a week.
- Third year.—English History—3 hours a week.
- Fourth year.—American History and Civics—3 hours a week.

Of course, modifications of this to fit a two or three years' course could be arranged on the basis

of five periods a week for a year being equal to three periods a week for two years.

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	No. St'd'ts	U. S. History		English History		Roman History		Grecian History					
		Per Cent. of Students	Year	Periods per Week	Per Cent. of Students	Year	Periods per Week	Per Cent. of Students	Year	Periods per Week			
Senior	27	44½	½	3	44½	½	3½	83	1	2	70	1½	2
Junior	11	52½	½	3½	53½	½	3½	72½	¼	2¼	63½	½	3
Sophomore.	22	55	¾	3¾	50	½	3	86	½	3¼	70½	¾	3½
Freshman.	40	88	¾	4	62½	½	3½	60	½	3½	47½	½	4

THE SOPHOMORE DANCE.

Soiree to be Held in Memorial Hall,
February 23.

The Sophomore Soiree committee has held several meetings and is now fully organized. After due deliberation 1902 has decided to give its initial dance in Nott Memorial Hall the evening of February 23. This event, which is second only to the Senior ball in its place in undergraduate social life, will doubtless attract a large attendance. The committee in charge consists of: Frank Taylor Ostrander, Albany, chairman; Willard S. Yates, Lincoln, Neb.; Walter E. Hays, Albany; Frank W. Neary, Cohoes; Fenwick M. Thebo, Fort Edward; David M. Dunning, Jr., Auburn; James H. Small, Jr., Charleston, S. C.; Robert Chauncey Yates, Schenectady; Lester W. Bloch, Albany; William F. Acheson, Troy; and Neilson C. Hannay, Rynex Corners.

The following sub-committees have been appointed: Music—Hays, Acheson, Hannay; refreshments—W. S. Yates, Neary, Dunning; invitations—Small, Hannay, R. C. Yates; finance—Ostrander, W. S. Yates, Dunning; building—Bloch, Thebo, Small, Acheson; patronesses—R. C. Yates, Neary, Thebo.

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THE ATTENTION of the students is called to the annual oratorical contest between Rochester, Syracuse and Union which will be held this term at Syracuse. There have been six contests before this, Union's representative winning the key twice, and we must add another victory to our record this year. Men should be as ready to represent Union on the platform as on the gridiron or diamond, for all add to her honor. Any member of the literary societies may enter the preliminary contest to represent the Garnet. Let the competition be sharp so that the best man will have to hustle for the place.

WITH commendable enterprise the Press club has appointed a committee to get the students to send their Concordienses to the preparatory schools from which they entered college. At the opening of the college year we urged the subscribers to keep files of the college weekly. Some are doing this, while others—and these are the majority—do not preserve the papers after they are read. It is to

the latter that the Press club now makes its appeal. If heeded, it will certainly be the means of better keeping the college before the prep. schools from which she draws her students; and will also probably result in turning toward Union many a young fellow as yet undecided where he will get his college education.

THE REPORT of the Athletic board committee on the trouble over the Hamilton-Union football game is published in another column. Unbiased and fairminded, the report is typical of Union's whole course throughout the controversy, the details of which are known to all. But now that athletic relations have been broken off, The Concordi-ensis, as the representative of Union's undergraduate body, wishes to call attention to some facts and draw obvious conclusions therefrom.

In the first place, note the conduct of both colleges immediately after the much-discussed game. Hamilton, believing her coach has been ill-treated, rushes into the public print and hurls innumerable charges against Union without the slightest proof to back them up—charges that in the official correspondence were not even preferred. This public demonstration of hot-headed calumny is followed by the appearance of a so-called college paper, "The Hamilton Life" (well named, forsooth) its columns filled with wholesale abuse directed against the football team of Union College, her student body, all her athletics, her morals, her methods, her traditions—in fact everything and everybody connected with the institution. On the other hand is the attitude of Union, summed up as it may be in one word—dignity. At the first intimation of the word unfairness on her campus Union appoints a committee to investigate, and then, though Hamilton continues her attack, Union maintains a dignified silence, only asking for equal fairness on Hamilton's part, till charges are officially brought and answer made.

The investigating committees of both colleges hold a joint meeting. Hamilton presents her charges, elsewhere enumerated, and Union on her side makes objection to the attitude of the public press and that of Hamilton College. As a result of the meeting there is made public a statement that,

"The joint committee regrets that many unofficial and decidedly biased accounts of the game have been printed, and in justice to both colleges desires that no more be published until the work of the investigating committee is finished and a report submitted." By "a report" was explicitly understood a joint report. Very well, this is the agreement. Was it lived up to? In its next issue *The Concordiensis* publishes an editorial in dignified protest against the attitude adopted by the *Hamilton Life*, a protest written at the suggestion of the Union committee and with the consent of Mr. Andrews, chairman of the Hamilton committee. So much for Union. How about Hamilton? In the issue of Dec. 4 of the *Hamilton Life*, the editors, after deprecating any further correspondence between the two committees, boldly advocate that Hamilton have no further dealings with Union. But that is not all. In the *Hamilton Review* for December the vituperative abuse is continued and at least eight separate statements are made, as distinctly false as any ever in print. And all this after the understanding that nothing more was to be published. This is the way Hamilton keeps faith!

In the ultimatum referred to, Union's main point was that Hamilton express regret for the publication of unfair articles in the press. Here is Hamilton's reason for not complying with the request. "They cannot express regret for anything over which they have no control." This, then, is a sad state of affairs. The student body of Hamilton College has no authority over the undergraduate publications or the college correspondents for outside papers! But the weakness of the argument is self-evident. Grant that the Hamilton students are not responsible for what was published. Then if they do not agree with the stand taken by their press, why do they not come out like men and acknowledge their regret for it? Or if they do agree with the sentiments there expressed, why cover up their true opinion with a flimsy excuse? But how about their committee's entering into an agreement which it well knew could never be fulfilled in so far as Hamilton was concerned? A sad condition of affairs indeed. At Union, we are glad to say the motto is not "Everyone for himself"

but "Individual opinions always secondary to college interests"; and throughout this controversy there has been at Union an entire unanimity of feeling, in marked contrast to the dissent of factions at Hamilton.

Now we have briefly outlined the history of the trouble, and attempted to point out the grounds upon which each college based its claims. Union was willing to make certain concessions, for, as in every question, she realized that in this there were two sides. And so with true sportsmanlike spirit she proposed arbitration as a means of adjustment. The offer was declined.

Comment is unnecessary. The case judges itself, and is dismissed.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON'S SERVICE.

Quite a large number of the students gathered in the chapel on Sunday afternoon, and had the opportunity of listening to the Rev. Herbert C. Hinds, Union '82. Mr. Hinds took for his text, "Run, speak to this young man." His text was well suited to his theme, and his discourse was one which cannot fail to exert its influence over the students.

"Youth" he said "is a most precious thing. It is the Spring time of life, the morning of the day of existence, the time when we take firm hold on the present. It is unscarred by the battles of life, unstained, and full of hope. Youth is the time for young men to settle their destinies, a time of opportunity, a time when we pass the crisis in life, and the time for us to become Christians. The great men in history are those who settled their destinies in youth, when the heart of man is soft and pliable.

The speaker then urged manliness as a cardinal virtue in the young man, and closed with an appeal that more students be drawn into the religious work of the college.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Albany Alumni Association was held Monday to prepare for the annual dinner, which will be held at the Ten Eyck, Albany, Friday, Feb. 16.

WITH THE DEBATERS.

Speakers and Subject for the Allison-Foote Contest.

Much interest is manifested yearly in the Allison-Foote debate, when the representatives of the Adelpic and Philomathean literary societies vie with each other on the platform. The contest will take place on the evening of Charter Day, February 21. The question for the debate is, "Resolved, that an inheritance tax will raise a revenue more equitably than a tariff." The following speakers have been elected by the societies to represent them at the debate: Adelpics, W. Dewey Loucks, 1900; Andrew C. Fenton, 1900 and Clayton J. Potter; 1900; alternate, E. L. Winterberg, 1900. Philomatheans, Willard Dayton Brown, 1900; Stephen S. Read, 1900; Leopold Minkin, '01; alternate, L. W. Bloch, '02.

Both societies are working hard during the intervening time to gather strength for the final contest. The regular weekly meetings, with a full attendance of the members, are the only means for securing this strength. Every man can add something by his presence, and by expressing his opinions. As the time is short, an appeal is made that the members turn out in full force at the meetings of their respective societies, and also that those who are not yet enrolled as members, join as soon as possible.

The Adelpics have chosen the following officers for the winter term: President, John M. Tuggey, 1900; vice-president, John McNab, '01; secretary, H. M. Parsons, '02; treasurer, C. P. Dalton, 1900; curator, R. G. Hoxie, '03.

The Philomatheans have elected: President, M. T. Bender, 1900; vice-president, L. N. Broughton, 1900; secretary, J. G. Fenster, '03; treasurer, W. E. Hays, '02; curator, F. J. Mulvaney, '03; executive committee, J. W. Cheesborough, '01; D. E. Griffith, '02; W. G. Hartin, '03.

The Musical association will hold a concert in Odd Fellows' Hall at Albany, February 10.

RELIGIOUS WORK.

Next Tuesday evening's meeting will be led by G. LeRoy Shelley. Subject: The Successful Life. Luke 12:15 and Matt. 6:19-21.

Dr. Hoffman's class in the Life of Christ will meet this evening at 7.30 instead of Thursday. Those who attended the meetings of the class last term are much pleased with the work. Dr. Hoffman's talks and method of treatment are full of interest and as well instructive. No one who has any desire to become acquainted with the life of the Master can afford to neglect this splendid opportunity offered by Dr. Hoffman. Any who desire can join the class now.

The college is to be congratulated on securing Dr. Richards, of Plainfield, N. J., to preach the sermon on the Day of Prayer. Dr. Richards is very popular among college men and each year has many invitations to preach at eastern colleges.

Those who are attending Dr. Truax's Bible Class at the First Presbyterian Church speak in the highest terms of the course. The text book is the Drama of Job, and is studied as any masterpiece in literature would be. The beauties that were obscured by the old-style method of printing have been brought to light by Prof. Moulton's work. Those who have taken class room work under Prof. Truax, know how admirable he is fitted for just such work. He is always glad to see any of the students, and many find the hour between 12 and 1 on Sunday, spent in his class, interesting and profitable.

ALUMNI NEWS.

Items of Interest Concerning Union's Graduates.

'99.—James N. Van der Veer, of the Albany Medical college, was on the hill last Friday.

'99.—Ferdinand Schmitter of Albany has entered the medical department at Johns Hopkins University.

A WOEFUL DAY.

"They fought like brave men, long and well."—*Halleck*.

Beneath the gloom of lowering skies
In battle fierce, they met;
Loud rang the yells as war-whoops rise,
Long fought they in the wet.

No coronet of laurel fair
Is fit to crown that rush;
Give them alone, who struggled there,
Huge diadems of slush.

Pent in by interested friends
Each man did well his part;
Resolved to meet the bitter end,
Keen, though, the piercing dart.

Six times and more, in one short hour,
O'er terrace high they went;
Pale cheeks, fast breath, clothes torn, a shower—
"His Highness" was content.

—PIPER HIDEORSEK.

TALK ON THE HILL.

Items of Interest Discussed by the Students.

R. H. Robinson, '01, spent Saturday and Sunday at Ballston.

Prof. Frank S. Hoffman spent Friday and Saturday at Yale University.

President Franklin Carter of Williams College was the guest of President Raymond Friday night.

The Rev. F. V. D. Garretson of North Pownal, Vt., visited his son, C. G. Garretson, '03, last week.

On Thursday, Jan. 25, President Raymond will speak at a dinner given by The Burns Club of Albany.

The candidates for the track team have appeared and will be assigned regular exercise until spring.

The members of the college musical association were photographed at Talbot's studio, Monday afternoon.

Both the sophomores and freshmen are taking two hours a week of gymnasium work under Prof. Pollard this term.

A meeting of the Alumni of the Medical College was held Friday night, Jan. 19, at the Savoy, New York City.

Samuel Judson Neff, who has been principal of the Port Leyden High School, has registered with the sophomore class.

The freshmen of the A. B. and B. S. courses have finished Solid Geometry and are taking Advanced Algebra this term.

On Friday evening the gym. was the scene of a practice game between the college basket ball team and that of Co. F, 2nd regiment, of this city.

At the college meeting, Monday, George Hackett of Utica was elected assistant baseball manager. He will succeed to the management next year.

Dr. James H. Stoller has been invited by the Albany University Extension Centre to deliver two lectures in the society's course during the present winter.

L. O. Ripley, 1900, has returned to college. During the holidays he assisted in the formulation of plans for the municipal ownership of the lighting system at his home in Marathon.

A large number of students attended the performance at the Van Curler last Wednesday, when Jefferson de Angelis presented that excessively droll comedy, "The Jolly Muskeeter."

Dr. C. C. Bushnell delivered an address on "The True Meaning of the Kingdom of Christ" before the home department of the East Avenue Presbyterian Sunday school one evening last week.

The Washington, D. C., alumni met Monday, Jan. 22, to make preparations for their annual banquet. Chief Justice Charles C. Nott, grandson of Dr. Nott, is President of the Washington Alumni Association.

The sophomore classicals have finished their work in Euripides, and have taken up the Persæ and Prometheus Victus of Aeschylus. The

latter part of the term they will "pole" through Sophocles' Antigone.

President Raymond will respond to the toast "Intercollegiate Relations" at the annual dinner of the alumni association of Cornell University, which will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York next Friday evening.

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At the annual banquet of the Harvard Club of Eastern and Central New York, held at the Fort Orange Club at Albany, Friday evening, Prof. Maurice Perkins, Harvard '65, made the response to the address of Dean Briggs. Among those present at the banquet were, Prof. Edward Everett Hale, Jr., Harvard '83, and Dexter Hunter, Jr., Union ex-'98, Harvard '99.

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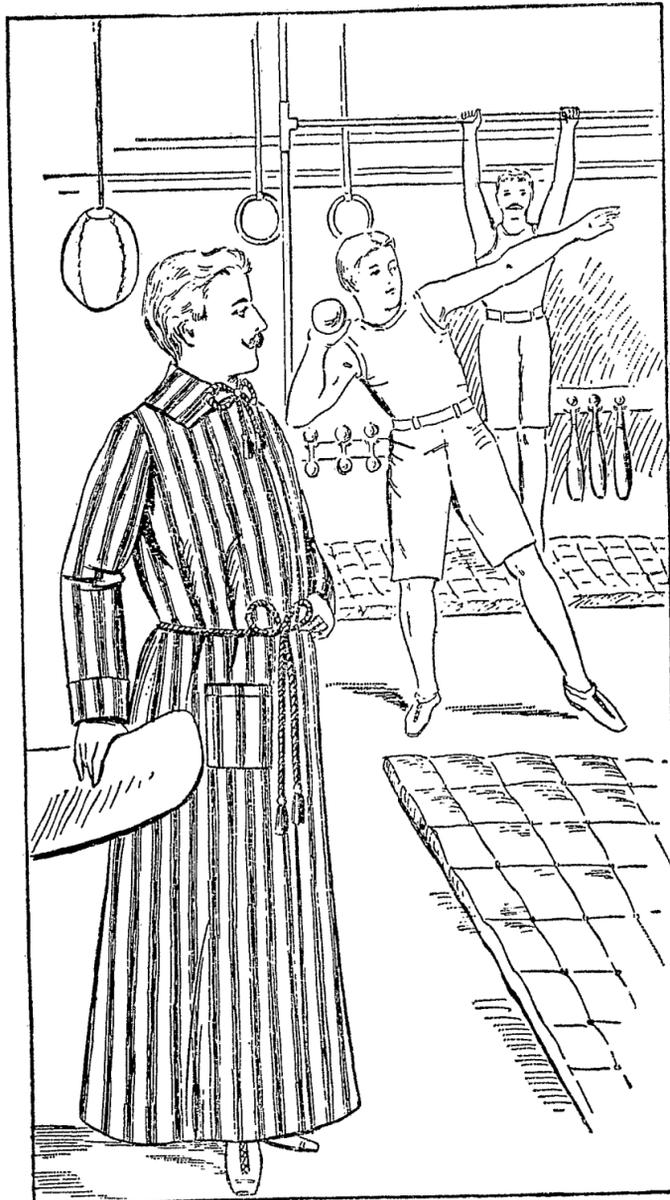
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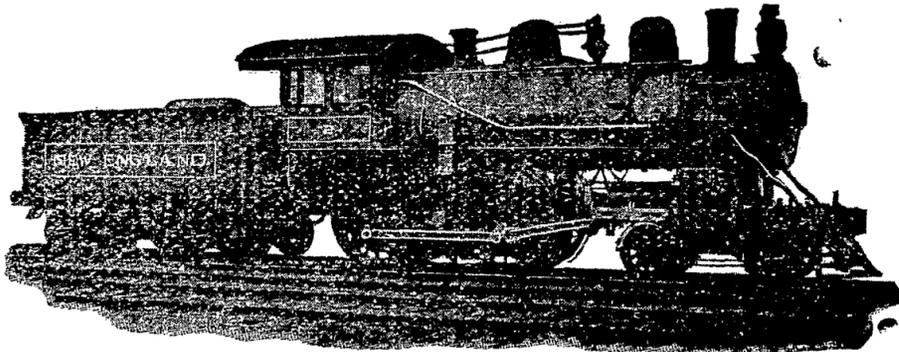
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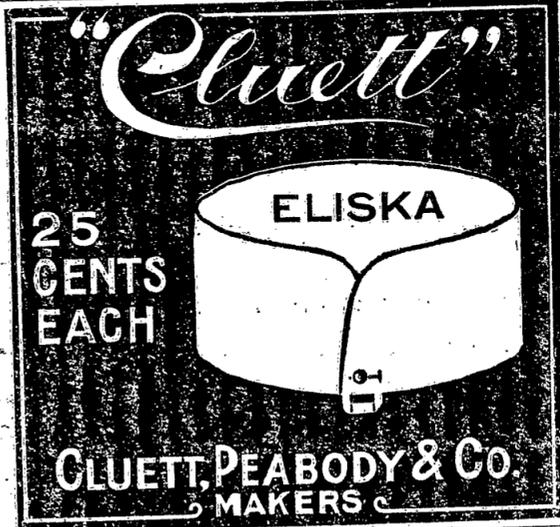
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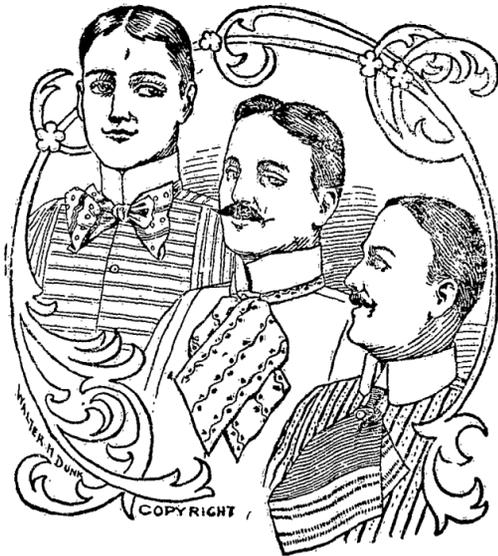
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