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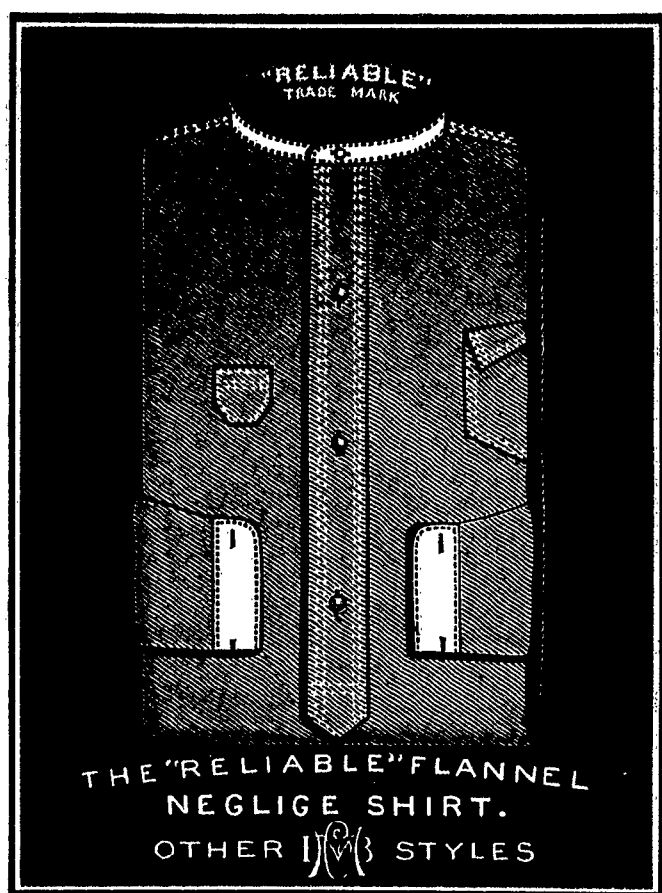
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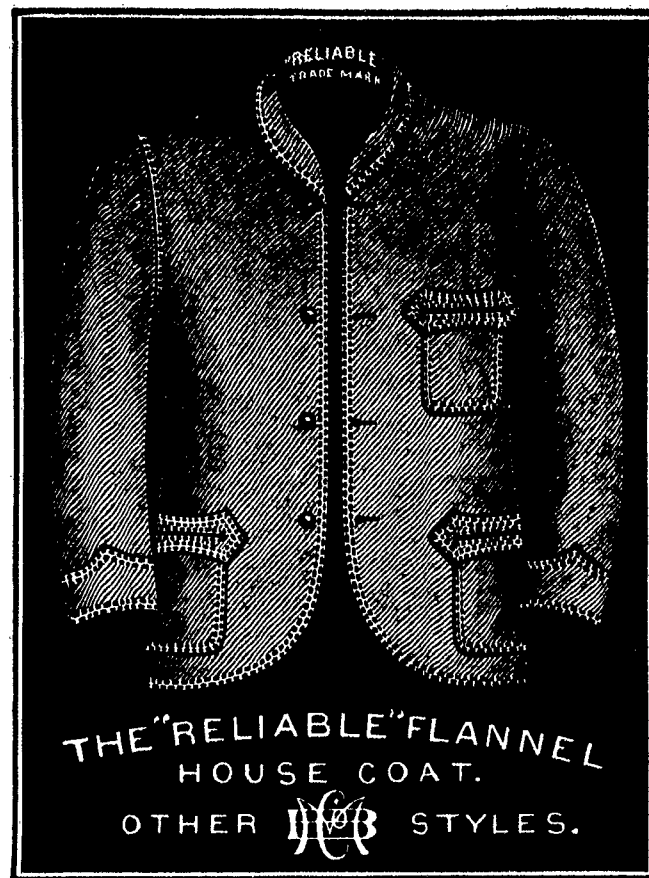
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EDITORIAL.

IT is with pleasure that we note manifestations of new life in nearly every matter which pertains to the welfare of Old Union. For the past two years affairs have been not only at a standstill, but at times seemed to be going back. However, the tide has turned, and now the prospects of the college are decidedly brighter. The establishment of a better English department, the newly catalogued library, revised university catalogue, revised curriculum and the first step against the time-honored, unfair marking system, are all evidences of progress in the right direction. Now if the trustees would hurry up and elect a president we'd sing "The threatening cloud has passed away," and yell *U-n-i-o-n, hikah, hikah, hikah* louder than ever.

WE ask those who are not deep enough to comprehend our weighty editorials, not to give their versions of the articles as opinions and criticisms of ours. If a translation or key is needed it will be cheerfully given to any one calling at the sanctum; but we most decidedly protest against reading *black, white* or concluding that a criticism on class decorum means that the trustees have elected a new President. We ask that the editorials may be understood to say just what they do say, nothing more.

IS it not an oversight on the part of the faculty to omit the general and official announcement of certain measures taken in faculty meeting? We are not simple enough to ask that all that is done in faculty meeting be made known to the students, but certain steps which materially concern the students are made known only by vague and unauthentic rumors. If we have a right conception of faculty meetings they are not dread secret conclaves in which plans are laid to catch the lax, unwary student, but are meetings in which are discussed matters of importance to the student, and to the college in general. Then why would it not be a good plan to announce in the class room or on the bulletin board such measures as affect the student body? It would do away with rumor and give the students better information of the rules and regulations to which they are subject.

THE success which attended the efforts of the Glee Club in connection with the college fair is most gratifying. It not only proves that there is material enough in college to produce acceptable music, but that even with our old Dorian drowsiness, we may sufficiently arouse ourselves to form a real live glee club, one which appears not only in the Garnet, but on the stage. This little experience in musical

matters shows what the students may do when they take an interest in anything and practice faithfully. It is to be hoped that the Glee Club may become a permanent fixture. It is now almost too late in the season to attempt to go further, but we would advise the club to lose no time next fall, but to begin practice as soon as possible. The class of '89 has excellent material and plenty of it, and it will be expecting very little of '90 to fill the gap made by the graduation of '86.

THERE is probably no one of the numerous changes made by the faculty this year that so much promotes the best interests of the students and at the same time meets with their general approbation, as the recent change in the marking system. Expressed in few words the new regulation is: That the student shall no longer receive his marks. We think we are safe in saying that the immediate effect of this regulation will be, first, to secure better work from the students; there will be no longer any calculating of margins and limiting the work to the attainments of a certain standing; second, the ill-feeling which sometimes necessarily arose under the old system, both against the Professor and fellow students because of some real or supposed injustice in marking will be removed; third, the practice of endeavoring to influence a Professor to change marks will be abandoned. The accomplishment of any one of these ends without considering the many other advantages that are to be expected would be sufficient ground for the adoption of the new regulation.

THE annual catalogue though capable of improvement is much superior to those of the past few years. The addition of the other parts of the University, and the new arrangement, afford an opportunity of just comparison with other institutions, which was not afforded by the preceding ones.

The omission from the class list, of the students who have left college, we think is a very sensible change. The long list of former members were of a little value, and an object of ridicule.

The revision and connection of the "Departments of Instruction," and the general college regulations, which make up the body of the "college" parts of the catalogue is perhaps the most needed, and consequently most important improvement. The "latest work of fiction" chestnut has formerly had a great deal of truth in it, and it is a source of great satisfaction to have many of these old time-worn expressions omitted. One of the most practical reforms consists of making the text books in the catalogue conform with those in use. Many mistakes have heretofore been made because of the publication of text books in the catalogue which had not been used for several years.

The absence of an instructor in the department of Political Economy might give one, unacquainted with the circumstances, a bad impression of the work done in that department, while the facts are that it has been quite thorough for several years.

A number of apparently accidental errors mar the general good character of the book. Mr. Griswold, '85, is the most prominent sufferer having been deprived of the Warner Prize and a Phi Beta Kappa key, both of which he secured last year. With the exception of these which seem a little too numerous the general character and arrangement of the catalogue is very good and the compilers are entitled to considerable credit for their work.

THE new rule regulating the use of books in the college library, while an advantage in one direction is a decided disadvantage in another. As we understand it, the object of the regulation is to insure professors and students, who require frequent access to books of reference, the certainty of finding those books in the library any time they may need them. Practically speaking the new regulation cuts off all access to books of fiction. Very few men would attempt any course of reading when it must be done within set hours and in a common room. We would suggest that only such books as the faculty may pronounce books of reference be subject to the present restrictions.

COMMUNICATIONS.

In glancing over the new catalogue, we were somewhat disappointed to find that there was no indication of the study of Greek and Latin being made optional at the beginning of the Junior year. Although sublime and truly poetical are many of the ancient Greek authors, and "Horace" is somewhat "*playful*" when you discover his joke, it seems to be the opinion of the classics, that at the end of the Sophomore year we have long enough pulled up Greek and Latin roots from the nurseries of antiquity; and while we will delight to muse upon the beauty of ancient dramatists and their portrayal of character, and feel the discipline is decidedly great, nevertheless think we might dig up some new treasure from the mines of learning which will have perhaps as lasting and as practical a value.

A CLASSICAL.

["CLASSICAL" makes a mistake in assuming the present curriculum to be permanent. Next year when the new curriculum is introduced Greek and Latin may be optional during the Junior year.—Eds.]

Although the object of the college fair was to obtain money to meet the expenses for base-ball and athletics, a result far more important than this was accomplished—the promotion of good feeling between the citizens and the students, and the creation of universal enthusiasm for college sports among the students themselves. Let this enthusiasm be turned into the right channel and not waste itself by being scattered over a dozen different plans. Assisted by the ladies of the town, the students as a body have made the money, and of course have the right to spend it as the majority wish; but in the praiseworthy desire to be economical, care should be taken not to be niggardly. Last year the nine was crippled by lack of necessary apparatus and of substitutes. We should have three substitutes, and these should be assured of being taken on the trip as a reward for practicing and also in order to gain experience for next year, when they will probably take the places of the men

who now are seniors. Moreover, we need three substitutes for practicing, in order that three men may be at bat and do base-running, and the other nine may play their regular positions in the field, and by alternation gain both batting and fielding practice, and thus follow the example of professional nines. We can thereby have a much better nine; and although the expense will be somewhat greater, our gate receipts will be more than proportionately increased by our improved playing. We have enough money to run the nine well and still have a surplus; and, therefore, while believing thoroughly in economy, as last year's financial management shows, I do think that no expense should be spared which can improve our playing in the slightest degree. Another, and perhaps the most important way of giving general satisfaction and thus increasing our gate receipts, is to go into training. You all have the right to demand that the representatives of the college in anything do their best; and now is the time to establish a precedent and make it the regular thing for base-ball men to be as vigorously trained as runners or members of a crew. Unless we train we can not hope to gain first place in the league, and may take only third, or perhaps not even so high; but if we do train we not only may take first place, but may give to the college the pleasure of seeing some games with other and better clubs than any in our league. We do not say this in a boastful spirit, but only because we know that training along with common sense will accomplish wonders.

If three substitutes are kept in practice the nine will be crippled little, if at all, next year; but another source of players for the nine, and of interest to all, is the class games. As soon as the campus is in condition for use the scheduled games should be played and hurried through with, so as not to interfere with the practice of the nine. If the games were to begin at four in the afternoon, plenty of time would be given for finishing, and the nine could practice before four o'clock, and thus neither game would interfere with the other.

We have lately seen that as soon as the students are certain of a regular class in the gymnasium

a large number come in on practice days and take vigorous exercise; but on the other days only a few attend. It is, therefore, plain that the candidates for next year's nine should begin their work in the fall, not only in order to develop themselves, but to keep alive the interest in athletics. A number of men whom you would scarcely suspect of having any athletic ambition have already, by our little work this spring, had the sleeping lion within them aroused and intend to devour some of our best athletes on field-day, and unless the latter look to their laurels they will be utterly consumed. As it is impossible to tell how many athletes there are in college until a test is made, and as steady practice will make a man skillful in almost anything, the principle upon which we should manage athletics is to interest everybody so as to make them show their powers, and if nobody is very proficient at present to encourage those who are naturally inclined to exercise by making their work enjoyable and by small prizes in the contests which, though of small intrinsic value, yet recall pleasant associations and are constant reminders of the field-day. Athletics help base-ball and make the exercise of the nine more enjoyable, and should be encouraged in every way in order to make the college take as high a rank as possible in her principal sport.

CAPTAIN OF THE NINE.

LOCALS.

Landon, '86, has been elected captain of the nine.

The Seniors groan over a superabundance of work.

Eighty-six has chosen Atkinson class photographer.

The Sophomore this term delivered orations before the class in the chapel.

The College fair is a thing of the past, and the Base Ball and Athletic Associations are \$480.00 richer.

The Freshman had their class supper at *Cafe Martineau*, Feb. 5. One week after the proprietor failed and his house closed!

The number of students taking exercise in the "gym" is much larger than usual and argues well for the success of the coming field-day, to be held by the Athletic association.

Professor to Class in Astronomy: "Unless you do better than this on examination some of you will come out of the small end of the horn." Still small voice in the rear pipes up: "Well, then, professor, hadn't you better stop up 'the small end?'"

The Athletic association is to lay out a running track on the vacant lot back of the Powers Memorial. No medals are to be given this year. The committee on field-day have received an appropriation and are now making preparations for the event.

The recent fair seems to have awakened additional zeal among students, both in base-ball matters and in general athletics. The "gym" is now too small for the large class. There is much talk of the nine going into strict training, boarding together, etc.

The new catalogue of the University is out. The printer has been changed, as has also been the general make up of the catalogue itself. A noticeable change is the omission of the customary list of students left college. Its appearance upon the whole we think has been much improved.

The following resolution from the Faculty has at last appeared on the bulletin board:

Resolved, That hereafter the grade of a student in any department shall be announced *only* in the following manner:

First grade whose marks are 9 or over.

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Third grade whose marks are 7 or over.

Fourth grade whose marks are 6 or over.

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LITERARY.

Eventide.

[*Union College Spectator*, 1875.]

BACK of the distant hills,
 Where the clouds roam;
 Seeks the red sun his bright
 Far western home.
 Briefly the changing sky
 Burns with his ray,
 Then the bright eventide
 Fades into grey.
 Some fair receding land,
 Ever in sight,
 Beckons us to its strand.
 Bathed in warm lights,
 Waste not the golden hours,
 Life's but a day:
 Soon the bright eventide
 Fades into gray.

It Might Have Been.

"It might have been!" Ah mournfully,
 This old refrain comes back to me,
 And memories come thick and fast
 Of my own barren, wasted past,
 Of days which should forgotten be.
 Woe unto him who makes too free
 With golden opportunity.
 When sense of failure comes at last,
 With heavy heart and hope down cast,
 Then he, alas too late! will see
 It might have been.

THE MANIAC DWARF.

"Do you—*dare* you
 To taunt me with my born deformity?"—*Byron*.

A discharge of cannon at the setting of a golden summer sun in July, proclaimed to an enthusiastic people, that another anniversary of their independence was gone to be numbered with the past. Perfect order and sobriety were maintained throughout the day, notwithstanding a larger concourse of people than usual had been assembled to witness the celebration. But when the shades of night began to darken upon the joyous city, the better portion of community retired within their dwellings, leaving the streets in full possession of a noisy and motley mob.

It was at this time, when returning to my own habitation, I was forced to push my way through a large crowd which had collected at one of the corners of the street. Loud shouts of laughter greeted my ears as I approached, mingled with the harsh notes of anger and defiance. Being curious to learn the cause of the strife between the two combatants, I endeavored to catch a glimpse of the parties. But what was my astonishment, at beholding one of my most intimate friends struggling in the embrace of a maniac dwarf. The eagerness he manifested in freeing himself from his embarrassing situation, together with the pale terror on his brow, had excited the unrestrained mirth of the noisy assemblage. At last, with a desperate effort he succeeded in rescuing himself from the clutches of his terrific looking adversary; and hurried away in the direction in which I was standing. I seized his arm while in the act of passing me. With a countenance expressive of the most violent emotions, he slowly turned around as if fearful of again meeting the loathsome object from which he had just now escaped. Calling him by name, he instantly recognized me, when grasping my arm with almost supernatural force, he whispered in a deeply agitated voice that we should immediately leave the place. The crowd had in the meanwhile enlarged the circle, for the purpose of affording more space for the dwarf to perform his extravagant and furious gestures. For a moment, the miserable being seemed to have forgotten, with the absence of the object of his spite, the cause of his contest with him. But when by the disturbance we unavoidably made, while forcing our way through the dense mass which surrounded us, his attention again became directed towards my friend; his frantic rage immediately returned with redoubled force, and hobbling as fast as his distorted limbs would permit, he quickly approached us. The crowd, by changing their position, accidentally left a small opening into which we darted, but not before the harsh voice of the dwarf raised to a wild yell, bore to our ears the malignant prophecy that he would still be the cause of a horrible death to his opponent. Having succeeded in extricating ourselves

from our unpleasant situation, I endeavored to rally my companion on his first attempt of amusing the public with the gladiator style, in which he had entered the lists with the dwarf. But no smile illuminated his countenance at my trifling levity, and a closer pressure on my arm warned me that at this moment it was entirely out of place. After a short silence, my companion interrupted the current of my thoughts by asking me whether I had heard the terrible prophecy of the fiend—for so he termed the dwarf. I answered him, I had. "That prophecy," he continued, while his whole frame was convulsed with agitation, and large drops of sweat started out on his forehead, "that prophecy will be fulfilled upon me. I am convinced of it, and no earthly power can shake my belief. Die I must, and die by the means of that horrid, loathsome wretch. Oh, God! I fear I shall go mad, but it must be, it must be—the fates have destined me to become the victim, and I cannot escape." He drooped his head on my shoulder, and a scalding tear fell upon my hand. However effeminate it may appear to those who read this relation, that a man endowed with the least share of that moral firmness which is generally a characteristic of the sex, should woman-like, weep at the harmless threats of an inoffensive wretch, yet had they known my friend as I knew him, instead of ridiculing him for this unmanly action, they would have been the first to have sympathised with him in his feelings.

Harry Danforth had ever been my bosom friend. Years had rolled over our heads since we were inmates of the same school, and yet the intimacy which had there been formed still concentrated in strength. There was something strangely fascinating in the character of Danforth. An individual could not converse with him, for any length of time, without feeling that he was in the presence of one of no ordinary stamp. Talented and accomplished, he associated with men of the highest respectability, and in the drawing room, when his dark eye reflected with brilliancy the intelligence of his soul, and his countenance became flushed with the excitement of the moment, there was a grandeur in his person and a nobleness in his deportment,

that attracted universal admiration. Dazzling as were the talents and person of this favorite child of fortune, there was one weak point in his character which although skillfully concealed for the present, was at some future day to crumble the whole of the fair fabric to atoms. Anxiously had it been watched by our aged tutor, and often had he admonished his beloved pupil of its withering effect. It was the want of moral firmness. Indecision of character was betrayed in Danforth's actions while a mere school boy, and it had also grown with his growth. This to a mind like his was ruinous; for of an ardent and nervous temperament, liable to be wrought upon by any circumstances whatever, and deeply tinged by superstition, the want of it would in his case be deeply and severely felt. His life had thus far been unchequered by a single misfortune, and his situation had been such as not to have betrayed this his only failing. But it was with fearful forebodings that I watched that tumult of the soul—that struggle of the passions which shook the form of my companion. An indelible impression had been stamped on his mind that he should become the victim of the dwarf. His prophecy still rung in his ears, and although his good sense taught him the folly of his belief, yet he possessed not sufficient moral courage to conquer his infatuation. Accident had thrown him into contact with the dwarf, when unfortunately endeavoring to shun the deformed monster, he had unwittingly struck him, and thus commenced that struggle which laid the foundation of some awful and distressing scenes.

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The carol of the birds, as they witnessed the departure of a September sun behind the far off hills, broke upon the stillness of the evening with its sweet and tender melody. The rich perfume which arose from the bosom of the earth, scented the air with its balmy fragrance. The bustle of a neighboring city had ceased, and the deep quiet of repose was only broken by the soft strains of a distant flute. The moon had at last risen, and was silently moving along the arched canopy of heaven, hallowing tree and tower with its silver light. Its mellow beams fell full upon the white

front of a cottage in which were seated two individuals wraped in silent contemplation of the scene. The one clasped the fair white hand of his companion in his own, and when his dark eye rested upon her countenance, and his voice fell upon her ears in impassioned accents, a slight flush tinged her cheek, but it was the flush of gratified love. Danforth—for it was him—did indeed love the fair being at his side. He had forgotten, in the first burst of passion, the fatal prophecy. He had that night knelt before her—had plead his own cause, and one long, burning kiss had gratified his acceptance. They now sat mute, for their hearts were too full for utterance. But the time had arrived for his departure to his own residence. He clasped her once more to his arms—once more he imprinted a kiss on her beautiful forehead, and then he murmured—“but twice more will you see me, Louisa, when”—“Aye, but only twice more will you see *me*, before you die,” exclaimed a voice from beneath the window, and the figure of the dwarf was seen entering a distant thicket. Mute with horror, Danforth relaxed his hold of his companion—his eyes became fixed and blood-shot—his arm remained extended, and his breathing became quick and hard. A scream from his companion dissolved his trance, and then a tremor thrilled his whole frame. “Yes, I had forgot,” he muttered, “I had forgot my fate, for a moment, while listening to an angel; and is it to be so soon—but twice more? And must I now forego all happiness—all comfort in this world? What have I done to merit this fate—what crime have I committed? No—I must die!—die by the aid of that fiend!”—His feelings overcome him, and he fell senseless on the floor.

Three months had elapsed since that event, when the large aisles of a Gothic church were brilliantly illuminated. Joy reigned in the countenances of the happy multitude collected around the porch, and the loud cheer which greeted the ears of Danforth and his bride, when alighting from their carriage, testified the pleasure all felt at his approaching happiness. The pair, followed by their numerous friends, advanced up the wide aisle towards the holy priest,

who was, officiating at the altar. Never had Danforth appeared to greater advantage than he did at that moment, when supporting the delicate form of his bride. His dark eye beamed with wild rapture, and his whole countenance glowed with almost supernatural animation. Never had a pair looked happier or lovelier at the hymenial altar than this, and the friends of the bridegroom vainly supposed that the evil spirit had left him for ever. The solemn ceremony was concluded, and Danforth leaned to kiss his young and blushing bride; but as he raised his head, his gaze became fixed on one of the opposite windows. The rich colour forsook his cheeks—a cold moisture covered his forehead—his lips quivered, and he groaned out, “my time has now indeed come.” “But once more and then!” echoed along the arches of the building. Fear stole upon all, and the eyes of each were bent upon the window. The glaring eye-balls of the maniac dwarf were seen peering upon the assemblage, through an unstained glass. Again they look towards the window, but it was vacant. The company hastily dispersed, leaving the wretched bridegroom in the hands of a few of his friends, whose utmost exertions were required to prevent him from committing violence upon himself.

Various were the surmises throughout the town, in respect to the singularity of Danforth's behavior. That the mere appearance of a poor wretch, who rather excited commiseration than fear, should so work upon the mind of a man like him, seemed to all, totally impossible. It was, therefore, supposed that it originated from some tendency to lunacy. From the time of his marriage, Danforth became an altered man. Retired from all, even from his most intimate friends, he would brood over his own misfortunes; and if he did venture out, there was a quickness in his motion and an anxiety on his countenance, as if afraid of meeting some dreaded face. It was not long after this he embarked for a foreign land. Four years elapsed before he again revisited his own country; absence from the gloomy scenes in which he had once been engaged, had restored, in a degree, his former vivacity.

Danforth had been educated for a professional man, and with devoted ardour had plunged deep into the researches of medicinal knowledge. By intense application to his studies, he had outrivalled most of his cotemporaries, who, instead of envying his situation, respected his talents. On his return, he was appointed professor to one of the medical universities, a station all were sensible he was capable of sustaining. Happiness had again returned to his bosom; and, while enjoying the blessings which Providence had kindly bestowed on him, if a dark thought of the past would glance on his mind, it was immediately banished.

His time was now amply and profitably employed, for he had to deliver daily a course of lectures to a large and respectable assemblage of students. His splendid talents were thus brought into requisition, and deep and respectful attention was always elicited, when, in the ardour of his profession, he divulged some new and hidden truth, or by the simple elegance of his language, threw a charm over even the most uninteresting branches of the science,—Nor was his reputation confined merely to the lecture room, but it went abroad, and Danforth's name bid fair to be enrolled among the most celebrated of our land.

One evening the class had assembled in the lecture room, for the purpose of attending the dissection of a subject upon which some interesting experiments were to be tried. Danforth having commenced with a few introductory remarks, approached the table, upon which the covered body was placed for dissection. He immediately removed the cloth, when the ghastly form of the *maniac dwarf* was exposed to view. The cloth remained suspended in his fingers for several minutes, and a cold pang went to his heart, as the fatal words “but once more,” tingled in his ears. His eyes became rivited on the corpse—the ghastly features seemed to him to be contracted into one of its former fiendish smiles. A dark film passed before his eyes, and he staggered to his desk. Ashamed of this indulgence of his feelings, before his class, he made a powerful exertion to recover his composure, when, having succeeded

he again advanced to the table. A loathing, a sickness came upon him, as he gazed upon the deformed corpse, rendered more disgusting in the pale light of a lamp. He prayed inwardly for support, and then, seizing his instruments he cut with a seemingly incautious manner; but his agitation caused him to puncture his finger. In an instant, a numbness was felt in his hand, which rapidly extended upwards along his arm. The horrid idea flashed on his mind, that the poisonous matter had been conveyed into his veins; and as he groaned out “I am lost—lost,” he fell senseless upon the floor. * *

A loud rap at my dwelling about midnight, startled me from my slumbers. I waited for the servant to inquire what could possibly be wanted at that unseasonable hour. “Tell Mr. — that Dr. Danforth is dying, and wishes to see him immediately.” I had no sooner heard this distressing news, than hurrying on my clothes, I fled across the silent streets until I came to the house of mourning. The groans of some one in extreme agony arrested my attention. I reached the landing of the staircase, where I met the weeping wife retiring from the sick chamber of her husband. The sight there was too awful—too terrific for the presence of his afflicted partner. I entered the door, but what a sight there met my gaze. On the bed was held by sheer force, the once splendid form of Henry Danforth, actually contracted into a heap by the anguish of his sufferings, howling and yelling with the terrible energy of a madman. He knew me immediately, “George,” he cried, “was not that fiend a true prophet? ha, ha, ha. ‘But twice more,’ he said, ‘twice,’” and with incredible strength, he dashed the men from his side, and raising up in his bed, he flung his arms wildly around him,—“Come spirit, fiend, devil! I am waiting for you.—Aha, there you are! come on, do your worst, I don’t fear you, but don’t touch my wife,” he continued, in a mournful accent, which caused the tears to burst from my eyes, “she has not harmed you, let her live for the sake of the little children. Oh! leave her—leave her,” and he sunk on the bed utterly exhausted. We seized him, but the mortal strife was nearly over, and there was

prostrate a superior mind, a ruin amidst the ruins of its tenement. No earthly assistance could avail; and we had but to stand by and see him die. The agony he was in, surpassed any thing I had ever witnessed, but he remained silent, except now and then a low groan would issue from between his parted lips. Soon he gave one wild yell, and nothing was left of the once gifted and generous Danforth, but his cold and stiffening corpse.—*Union College Parthenon, 1833.*

Sophomore Class Supper.

Friday evening, Feb. 26, was an eventful occasion in the history of the class of '88. It was at that time that their first class supper took place. Having passed over this phase of college life during the Freshman year, the members looked forward to the event with increased expectations, which were abundantly realized. Troy was selected as the place, and the Troy House was the immediate scene of action. The night was a bitter cold one; but that, with the howling winds outside, and the blazing fires within, only served to increase the pleasure. After doing full justice to the most excellent *Menu*, the following toasts given by toast master M. Putnam Stuart, were all responded to in a pleasing manner:

"Compelled by hunger and the request of friends."

OLD UNION EDWARD B. COBOURN.

Here's tribute, Union, unto thee,
A chorus to thy fame,
Still now, as ever, shall thy sons
Remember thy fond name.—*Lansing.*

THE FACULTY L. M. KING.

"A thing wherein we feel,
There is some hidden want."—*Shelley.*

THE SENIOR CLASS S. W. LITTLE.

"Far from the furious crowds
Ignoble strife removed."—*Gray.*

THE JUNIOR CLASS F. B. RICHARDS.

"What's in a name?"—*Shakespeare.*

THE GENTLER SEX E. P. TOWNE.

"Oh Woman! in our hours of ease,
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please."—*Scott.*

OUR MISSING CLASSMATES E. MCENCROE.

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?"—*Burns.*

THE ANCIENT CITY C. S. DAVIS.

Here Architecture's noble pride,
Bids elegance and splendor rise.—*Burns.*

PONIES A. J. DILLINGHAM.

"Spur your proud horses hard."—*Shakespeare.*

MODERN ILIUM J. W. DELONG.

"Strike a free march from Troy."—*Shakespeare.*

ENGLISH STUDIES J. M. WILLIAMS.

"For all a Rhetorician's rules,
Teach nothing but to name his tools."—*Butler.*

OUR MUSICIANS L. A. DAREY.

"The sounding lyre
Could swell the soul to rage,
Or kindle soft desire."—*Dryden.*

OUR SUPPER J. E. SMITH.

"Lo, now is come our joyful'st feast,
Let every man be jolly."—*Withers.*

THE SOPHOMORE CLASS FRANK D. LEWIS

"For their fame it shall last,
While the world goes round."—*Burns.*

It was after four o'clock when the class arose from the table amid the cheers for Old Union and for '88.

The following was the committee of arrangement: L. A. Darey; L. M. King; M. P. Swart; J. M. DeLong; and A. T. Ishkanian.

All the orations of the Senior and Junior classes have been delivered in the chapel for this term. Those that occurred since our last issue are as follows: Felthousen, "The Coming Crisis;" LaMonte, "The National Problem;" Veeder, "Benjamin Franklin;" Jackson, "The Present Age;" Courtright, "Two Leading Lawyers;" Landon, "Lincoln;" Ostrander, "Nobility of Labor;" Dorwin, "Erin's Distinguished Sons;" Kinne, "Henry Clay;" Randall, "Genius vs. Energy," and Skinner, "Labor Strikes." Those from the Junior class are: "Nathaniel Hawthorne," by Bridge; "Our Past Progress," Furbeck; "American Communism," Gulick; "Our ex-Presidents," Hawkes; "The White Hoods of Ghent," Howe; "Our Pension System," Johnson; "The Irish Question," Kurth; "Purpose," Marvin; "McCaulley," McMillen; "The Feudal System," "McMurray; "Hero Worship," Miller; "The Future of our Country," Ransdell; "Prince Bismark," Smith; "The Power of Oratory," Van Voast; "Burning of Moscow," Vroman, and "Mormonism," by Williams.

Student translating: "The King flees."
Prof.: "No, past tense, use had." Student:
"The King had fleas."—*Ex.*

Lover's Arithmetic.

HE was one and I was one,
 Strolling o'er the heather,
 Yet before the year was done
 We were one together.
 Love's a queer arithmetician—
 In the rule of his addition
 He lays down the proposition:
 One and one make one.

 She and I, alas, are two,
 Since unwisely mated,
 Having nothing else to do,
 We were separated.
 Now, 'twould seem that by this action
 Each was made a simple fraction,
 Yet 'tis held in love's substraction
 One from one leaves two.—*Ex.*

The College Fair.

The fair was a grand success. It was undertaken as a rather perilous venture, but with the aid of the ladies of the city, and the liberal patronage of the students it resulted most creditably to the committee having it in charge. From the very beginning the ladies took an active interest, and it is needless to say that without their co-operation and effective assistance nothing could have been accomplished. Although all the college men, who took part, did themselves credit, it is not to them alone that the success is due, but the thanks of the students should be, and are, given to all the citizens of Schenectady who manifested their interest in the college so willingly, and with such good results. On the first evening the attendance was good, and increased with every successive evening.

The hall was decorated with base-ball bats, tennis rackets, lacrosse sticks, sculls and other student paraphernalia. Military rifles were stacked on each side of the stage. The booths, with their fair attendants, were so attractive as to assure success and large attendances. Near the stage was a gypsy tent in charge of the ladies, where was revealed to the happy student his future life. The "fish pond" and rifle range were also strong attractions. Supper was served every evening at 6 o'clock and was patronized and enjoyed by every one. These tables

under the ladies kindly charge, were, perhaps, the most profitable part of the fair.

On the first evening the exercises began with the popular quartette song "Sweet and Low" rendered by Misses Feltham and Hickok and Messrs. Randall and Woodbridge. F. X. Ransdell sang a solo, entitled "Sailing," in a creditable manner. The College Glee Club made a splendid impression with their songs, and were encored again and again. The farce "Wooing Under Difficulties" was presented by Misses Feltham, Hickok and Noremac, Messrs. Darey, Ransdell, Dorwin and Very. An enjoyable part of the entertainment was the appearance of the "Union Blues" who drilled perfectly, and whose songs and manœuvres particularly delighted the audience.

The second evening's entertainment began with a song, "The Winds are All Hushed," excellently rendered by a quartette consisting of Messrs. Culver, Woodbridge, Voorhees and Randall. Then followed pole vaulting, jumping and trapeze performing, under charge of Prof. Vanderveer. Following this came a solo, "The Midshipmite," by Randall. The farce of the evening was entitled "My Uncle's Will," and was admirably given by Miss Feltham and Messrs. Dorwin and Very.

On the last evening Miss Kingsley of Boston delighted the audience by a piano solo, and Mr. Woodbridge sang in a happy manner, the solo "Farewell Forever" and responded to an encore with "McSorley's Twins." The "Union Blues" and the Glee Club appeared again and upheld the reputation they gained on the first evening. The event of the evening was the Japanese opera bouffe, in which the Mikado airs appeared with great effect. It was given by Misses Feltham and Withers and Messrs. Very, Ransdell and Angle. Miss Withers has an alto voice of rare quality and made a splendid impression. To Miss Feltham, who is an amateur actress of no little merit, much of the success of the theatrical entertainment is due. The prizes were awarded as follows:

McMurray, a picture of Queen Elizabeth; Towne, a box of cigars; Furbeck, a crayon sketch, done by King of the Sophomore class:

Veeder, an oil painting of Napoleon; Jackson, a cake. A handsome shawl was presented to Miss Fiske by the students, in appreciation of her assistance. The gross receipts were about \$700, and the net receipts were \$475. Of this amount \$337.50 was given to the base ball nine, and the remainder, \$137.50, to the Athletic Association.

The following is the schedule of games to be played by the State Inter-Collegiate league:

Hamilton with.....	{ Cornell, June 8th. Hobart, " 9th. Syracuse, " 11th. Union, May, 29th.
Hobart with.....	{ Syracuse, May 17th. Hamilton, " 19th. Union, " 20th. Cornell, June 16th.
Cornell with.....	{ Union, May 14th. Hamilton, " 15th. Syracuse, " 18th. Hobart, June 14th.
Union with.....	{ Syracuse, June 7th. Cornell, " 9th. Hobart, " 11th. Hamilton, " 12th.

The National League rules and the Spaulding ball have been adopted by the association. Exhibition games will be played with various clubs, and one has already been arranged for with the Fort Edward Stars. The nine plays the Polytechnics at Troy on April 24th. The nine chosen from those already in training expect to board together and continue active drill throughout the season. The out-look for the season is one more promising than was expected, and with the hearty encouragement of the students the nine will regain for the college its old position in the diamond.

Student (to servant at the door): "Miss Brown?" Servant: "She's engaged." Student: "I know it. I'm what she's engaged to."

First Student (coming from examination and turning up his coat collar, to second ditto, dismally): "Well, Jim, pretty cold day for us, isn't it?"

Second S. (transferring his "pony" from sleeve to pocket): "Ye—es; *I feel a little hoarse myself.*"

PERSONALS.

'30. Henry H. Martin, of Albany, died March 18th, of pneumonia. He was born at Avon, Livingston County, N. Y., November 27, 1809. In the fall of 1825 he came to Albany and attended the Albany Academy, completing his course; from there he entered Union College, graduating in June 1830. In the succeeding fall he returned to Albany as private Secretary of Governor Troop; while thus occupied he studied law. On the expiration of Governor Troop's term he continued as private Secretary to Governor Wm. L. Marcy until he was admitted to the bar, when he resigned his Secretaryship and commenced the practice of law in partnership with the late John V. L. Pruyn, a connection that continued until 1851. He was appointed cashier of the Albany City Bank, and remained in the management of the Bank until 1871, when he resigned with the intention of retiring from an active business life. In the same year he was tendered the management of the Albany savings institution and accepted the trust. For over 25 years he had been a member of the water commissioners. He was president of the Albany gas-light company until its transfer to the Municipal gas-light company. He was also president of the Albany Mutual Insurance Company, and President of the Board of Trustees of the Albany Academy. Mr. Martin was married in 1835 to a daughter of the late Isaiah Townsend, who died several years ago. He has three sons and two daughters.

'45. Hon. John Wentworth is Judge of the first Judicial Circuit of the State of Wisconsin.

'77. James I. Taylor is in the wholesale drug business at Atchinson, Kansas, and is Secretary of the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy.

'82. Rev. C. E. Fay is established at Mineville, N. Y.

'84. C. A. Kitts has removed his hosiery manufactory to Canastota, N. Y.

'85. J. A. McCauley will catch for the Brooklyn nine this season.

'87. W. A. Kitts is in business with his brother at Canastota.

Clippings.

NO word was spoken when they met,
 By either—sad or gay;
 And yet, one badly smitten was,
 'Twas mentioned the next day.
 They met by chance this autumn eve,
 With neither glance nor bow—
 They often come together so:
 A freight train and a cow.—*Ex.*

PROPRIETY.

They have come in from a stroll,
 And he pauses to take toll
 At the gate;
 But she archly tells him "No,
 It would not be *comme il faut*;
 Just you wait!"

He perceives his only chance
 Lies in feigning nonchalance,
 Just to tease;
 So he bids a calm good night,
 In the moon's alluring light,
 Quite at ease.

But he turns back to the gate
 At her half disconsolate
 Little call.
 "I don't mind," she whispers low,
 "If it isn't *comme il faut*,
 After all."—*Harvard Lampoon.*

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.

HARVARD.—One hundred of this year's Freshmen at Harvard have utterly discarded the study of mathematics.—Harvard is considering a proposition to shorten the length of the course to three years. —Harvard is the largest college in the country, Oberlin comes second, Columbia third, Michigan fourth, and Yale fifth.—Bemis, '87, of Harvard, broke the Inter-Collegiate record for the two-mile walk last week by twenty-six seconds.

PRINCETON.—The Sophomore and Freshman Classes at Princeton passed resolutions, Feb. 13, declaring themselves opposed to hazing and all forms of personal violence offered to members of incoming Classes. The Senior and Junior Classes had taken similar action earlier.—Princeton has a good show for three first prizes this

year in the Mott Haven games—mile walk, pole vault, and bicycle race—*Princetonian*.—The all important subject for discussion at Princeton at present and for some time past, seems to be the college cheer. The point seems to be so to cheer as to make the sound last longer than the far-famed "three times three," which prevails at Harvard, or the equally time-honored "nine 'rahs," which are in vogue at Yale.—*Ex.*

YALE.—In round numbers it costs Yale \$7,000 for boating, \$5,000 for base ball, and \$2,000 for foot ball.—Washington's birthday was observed as a full holiday at Yale this year, where previously, it has been given only as a half holiday.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Sixteen colleges are said to be looking for presidents.—The average salary of all professors in the United States is \$1,530.—Michigan University has nineteen fraternities.—The most heavily endowed institutions in our country are Girard, \$10,000,000; Columbia, \$5,000,000; Johns Hopkins, \$4,000,000; Harvard, \$3,000,000; Princeton, \$2,500,000; Lehigh, \$1,800,000, and Cornell, \$1,400,000.—Leyden University, Holland, is the richest in the world. Its real estate alone is worth \$4,880,800.—The cost of the preparations for the Greek play at the University of Pennsylvania, it is estimated, will amount to about \$3,000.—Only eight of New York's thirty-six representatives in Congress enjoyed College training. Mr. Belmont is a Harvard man, Mr. Hewitt is a graduate of Columbia, Mr. Merriman of Hobart, Mr. Viele of West Point, Mr. Adams of the College of the City of New York, Mr. Spriggs of Union, Mr. Millard of Williams, Mr. Payne of Rochester University.—Washington's birthday was observed as a day of reunion by the students of the several departments of the Northwestern University. It was styled "University Day," and it is hoped the precedent thus established will become a permanent institution.—It is proposed that the present Senior class at Cornell raise, as a memorial, \$800, the interest of which is to be annually awarded for an oratorical prize to the Junior class.

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