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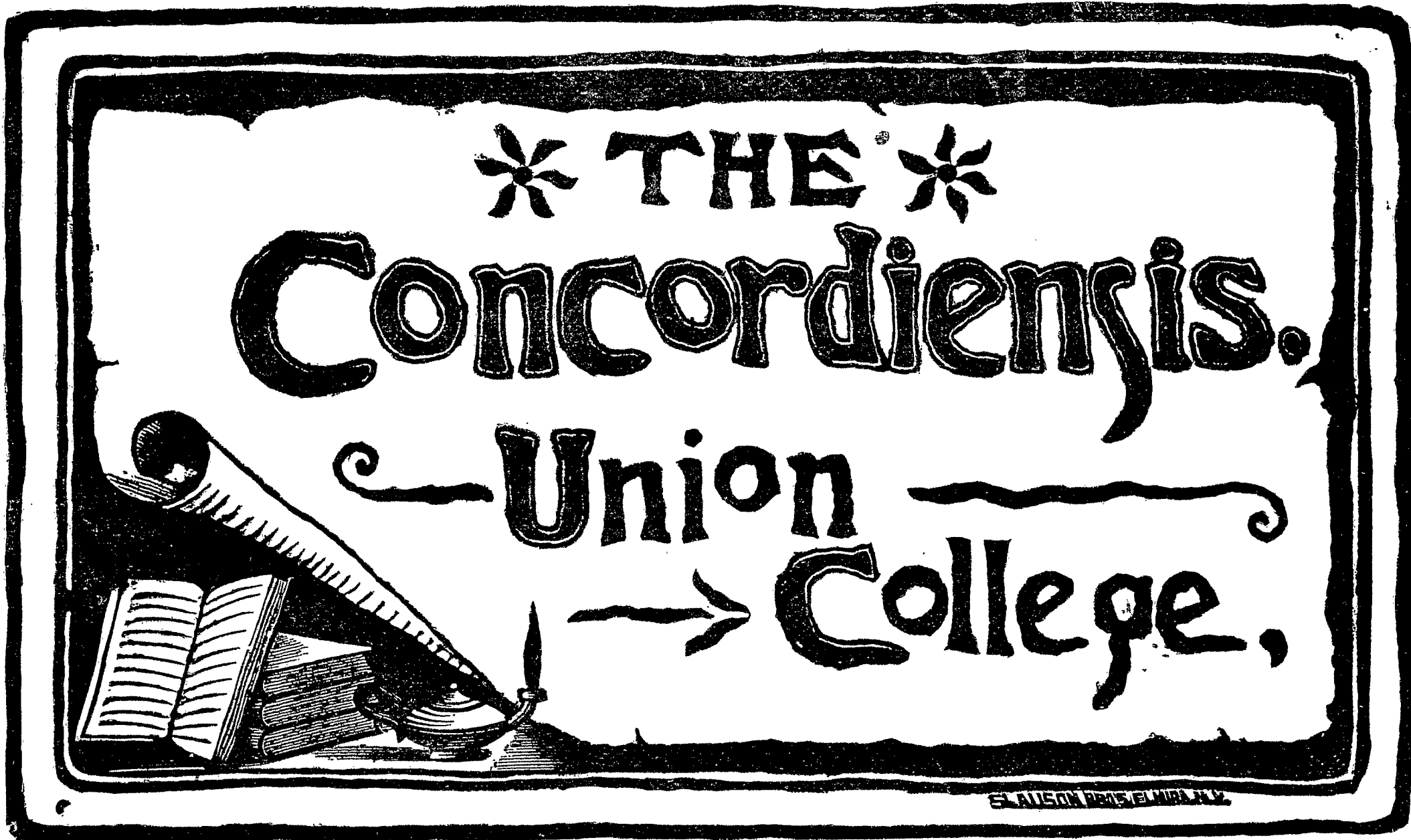
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## Editorial.

In another column we publish a communication from an alumnus of the college concerning foot ball. Coming as it does from one who was a prominent member of the team when in college, and who has since been a careful observer of all matters pertaining to foot ball at Union, this communication should receive careful attention.

In every other college the men who are trying for positions on the team begin practice in the "Gym" almost as soon as the season closes and keep this up throughout the year. Then at the beginning of the fall term the manager and captain have trained men from whom to make up the team. At Union this is not the case. One or two of the players who take special interest in the game go into the "Gym." The other men do nothing until it is almost time for the season to open. This should not be. There is good foot ball material in the college if it were only developed, and if we expect to win the pennant next season it must be through developing this material. There are very few of the preparatory schools from which Union draws men where they play foot ball. Consequently we must not expect the men to develop into good foot ball players the first year. In conclusion we may say that the suggestions given in the communication are sound, and if followed out would place Union at the head of the league.



At the meeting of the N. Y. State Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association held recently in Syracuse, it was decided to hold the annual meeting in Utica.

Now, if Union is to make a creditable showing at this meeting it is necessary that the men who are to enter for the several events do some training. If this is done and the new arrangements carried out Union ought to take several first prizes. But it is absurd to suppose that a man can train himself to run, jump, or throw the hammer in a couple of weeks before the field-day. There are men in college who are capable of doing good work. Let these men go in the "Gym" and exercise until the weather permits outdoor exercise in the spring. The officers of the Athletic Association should also make arrangements for a college field-day. Then it will be possible to pick out the best men to represent the college.

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THE annual meeting of delegates to the New York Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, of which Union is a member, was held at Syracuse, Jan. 29. After a good deal of manœuvering, the convention awarded this year's Field Day to Hamilton College, with the understanding that the place of holding the same was to be at Utica. The constitution of the Association was largely altered and amended. Two of the amendments will affect Union, if the College is not represented at Utica. They are as follows: That any college which shall not have been represented at two successive field days shall be, *ipso facto*, dropped from the association; that each college, whether repre-

sented at the field day or not, shall be liable to general assessments. One hundred copies of the constitution in its amended form will soon be on hand for distribution among those students who are specially interested in general athletics.

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THE address delivered by Dr. Dowling on the Day of Prayer for colleges was one that ought to have a lasting influence on all who heard it. Dr. Dowling deserved the thanks of the students and we feel confident that they all heartily acquiesce in the sentiments expressed by Dr. Webster at the close of the service.

#### COLLEGE MEETINGS.

At the regular College meeting, held Jan. 22, the following business was transacted: F. W. Cooper, '73, was elected base ball scorer. Motion was passed declaring college tax of thirty cents to be paid for cuts of the foot ball eleven and the glee club to be inserted in the Garnet; the members of the Garnet board appointed a committee to collect the money. The committee appointed at the previous meeting to see the gymnasium director about base ball practice reported that the use of half the "Gym" had been granted for an hour every afternoon provided a canvas was furnished to protect the walls and apparatus.

#### SPECIAL COLLEGE MEETING, JAN. 28, 1892.

Meeting called for the purpose of choosing delegates to the annual meeting of the New York State Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association. Motion carried that the President of the Athletic Association, Furbeck, '92, and Base Ball Manager, Banker, '92, be such delegates.

## ALUMNI BANQUET.

The fourth annual dinner of the Union College Alumni Association of Northeastern New York, was held at the Hotel Kenmore, in Albany, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 26. The affair was in every way a success. There was a large attendance of Alumni ranking in classes all the way from the thirties, down to the present. Yet among all this gathering of old and young existed the same spirit of hearty good will, and the same faithful love for "Old Union."

The dinner was served in the large banquet hall of the hotel. The room was tastefully decorated with palms ferns, and potted plants. The tables were arranged to form a V. At the middle of the center table sat the toastmaster of the evening, Rev. Dr. A. V. V. Raymond, '75. On his right was Gen. Butterfield, '49 and Pres. H. E. Webster, '68. Grace was said by the Rev. Lee Beattie, '79. After grace was said the Alumni, among whom were men distinguished in every calling, discussed the following Menu:

*Blue Points.*  
*Consomme de Volaille a la Medicis.*  
*Hors d'Oeuvres-Varies.*  
*Cassolettes of Lobster a la Newburg.*  
*Tenderloin of Beef a la Moderne.*  
*Cream of Spinach.*  
*Timbales a la Richelieu.*  
*Petits Pois.*  
*Sorbet au Kirsch.*  
*Mallard Duck, with Jelly.*  
*Celery Salad,* *Hominy Frit.*  
*Biscuit aux Avelines.*  
*Petits Fours Assortis.*  
*Fromage,* *Toasted Crackers.*  
*Fruit.*  
*Cafe Noir.*

After the dinner was over, Dr. Raymond arose and said: "Gentlemen, it is necessary for me to interrupt the proceedings, in the interest of good health and the proprietor." This was greeted with an outburst of laughter and cheering, after which Dr. Raymond continued. "We Americans have discovered a great aid to digestion in the way of a few good speeches boiled down, and as all the speakers are here, all I shall have to do is to draw corks. What surprises me is the novelty of my office. I like to speak, and to avoid the calamity of hearing me speak, they have made me toastmaster, but nevertheless I shall be able to get in a few words edge wise. I believe that if a census were taken of those who are present, that it would reveal the fact that every one present hoped to be called upon to make a toast. The Americans never talk on anything but a live subject, and one that will do general good. An occasion like this is one that strengthens our Alma Mater and should be participated in by every graduate of "Old Union."

Dr. Raymond then introduced President Webster, who was to respond to the toast: "The American College—Its Distinctive Work." Dr. Webster arose and excused himself from responding, as he was just recovering from a bad cold and was barely able to be present. Dr. Raymond suggested that he speak on the same subject next year. To this Dr. Webster readily consented.

Dr. Raymond then introduced Gen. Butterfield, who spoke on "The Friends of Union." He said he would not make a speech, but would just talk a little. However, he gave a very

witty and interesting talk, part of which is given below.

"The kindly spirit that prompted your invitation and your cordial reception, gives rise to gratitude for your compliment, and sincere pleasure in meeting so many, animated by a common purpose—inspired from the same source—the good of our alma mater.

"I promised to talk, but not to make an address. If compliance means the address, then I must plead timidity for once, in addition to the feeling that one has no right to trespass upon good natured hospitality even after dinner. With undigested and unprepared thought there comes the full knowledge of the clever trained minds before me, so your Albany hospitality so famous, and that I have known for so many years as precious and complete, will let me talk at random and omit an address.

"Your associations—one is in New York, whose badge of office I wear to-night, and it's in a very flourishing condition, the largest in our great city—are grandly fulfilling the real purpose of their organization. It is a natural human characteristic, or characteristic of human nature perhaps I should say, that men who have been associated where great efforts were involved, like to meet and talk them over long after they have passed, with pleasant customs and ways. 'Tis this brings our soldiers together in camp-fires and Memorial day gatherings. We might call this a Union camp-fire. We can recall the joys, the pleasures, the efforts and dangers of our college days with the spirit that was foretold many centuries ago. It was a Latin lyre that predicted and

voiced much feeling in measure. Perhaps the expression a Latin lyre should be changed to the poet whose dactyls and spondees we were early required to scan, who told us how Æneas sang to his ship load of Trojans, 'Revocate animos,' keep up your spirits, 'Maestumque timorem mittite,' cast out all fear. The Albany boys used to say in old times the Trojans needed talking to, and with Virgil we realize now that human nature is the same. This 'Forsan et hæc olim meminisse juvabit' is as true to-day and ever since, as when he sang it so many centuries ago. They delight to recall those days and laugh at, our then, troubles, and dangers, but our associations inculcate a spirit of good and strength to our alma mater. A festive occasion like this brought forth the lecture course of which you have been advised. Of this may I talk for a moment, not from personal reasons connected with it, but that its full scope and purpose may, if possible, be more clearly brought before you and disseminated. It was McIntosh who said: 'Differed knowledge immortalizes itself.' We hope that this course may help to immortalize our college."

Here the general spoke of the course of lectures to be given at Union by eminent men—authorities on the various themes—and said he hoped it would be a practical education and a developer of higher thoughts, practicability, and the best of citizenship.

In concluding he said:

"Pope said, 'All of our knowledge we must snatch, not take.' Does any one doubt that the student will not profit in snatching knowledge from these sources and disseminate or



diffuse it? Milton said, in his tractate, 'I call a complete and generous education that which fits a man to perform justly, skillfully and magnanimously all the offices both public and private of peace and war.' Have we not a right to claim that Union college has been among the foremost in fulfilling Milton's analysis of a complete education and have we not a right to look to its keeping its high position in the future. Let us toast our alma mater, the faculty, our alumni, our students and the new generations of students to come."

The toast was drunk, the general cheered and the Union cry was given with great enthusiasm by young and old.

The next speaker was the Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Dowling who responded to the toast: "The Green Graduates" Dr. Dowling handled the subject well and enlivened his remarks with a wealth of anecdote that called forth repeated outbursts of laughter and applause.

Hon. J. Newton Fiero, '67, was next introduced. His subject was: "The Bar of the State of New York." He spoke eloquently and was greeted with frequent applause. He also defended the profession which he so highly honors.

Dow Beekman, '84, was the last speaker and responded to the toast: "The Spirit of Old Union." He was the representative of the younger alumni, and ably answered all the criticisms that have been brought against the college and its alumni.

Then all united in singing "Auld Lang Syne. After the handshaking and farewells the company broke up and the fourth annual banquet was over.

## Personals.

'33. Rev. Benjamin Van Zandt, D. D., who is 84 years old, uncle of Dr. H. C. Van Zandt, stopped over for a few hours while on his way to Catskill where he lives, after journeying about three months in the west. The venerable gentleman performed his trip unaccompanied. Although superannuated from regular pastoral duty he occasionally preaches in his locality. He is wonderfully preserved in health and quite active. He is one of the oldest graduates of Union.

'41. Henry C. Potter, D.D., LL, D. has recently published "Waymarks, being Discourses with Some Account of their Occasions."

'45. Robert Earl, X. Ψ., has been appointed Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeals of this state.

'71. Rev. Jas. C. Shelland, Ph. D.; D. D., A. T., is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Aberdeen, S. Dakota. And in connection with his pastoral duties he fills many engagements to lecture.

'75. The Rev. Dr. A. V. V. Raymond, A. A. Φ., delivered the address at Williams College on the Day of Prayer for Colleges.

'88. L. Boardman Smith, K. A., is spending the winter in Cuba.

'88. Edward P. Towne, A. Φ., and C. Schuyler Davis, K. A., have formed a partnership at law, and have located at Duluth, Minn. They are reported as already doing well.

'91. H. W. Preston K. A., and J. W. Ferguson, B. Θ. Π., spent Sunday Jan. 24, with friends at the college.

## Necrology

'35. Judge DeWitt C. Lawrence, died Jan. 12, at his residence 1116 Tenth Street, Washington, D. C., at the age of 76 years. His death was caused by the grip.

He was born in Pen Yann, N. Y., graduated from Union College, and was admitted to the practice of law before the circuit and supreme courts. He removed to Grand Rapids, Mich., and for two terms was elected judge of a local court. He was offered a nomination for congress but refused.

In 1849 he was appointed clerk of the Senate committee on patents.

Subsequently he became chief clerk of the patent office.

Under the commissionership of Judges Mason & Holt he was examiner. He was also a member of the board of appeals, a position which he held at the time of his retirement from the patent office in 1860.

In 1861 the firm of Mason, Fenwick & Lawrence was formed. Judge Lawrence remained a member of this firm until the time of his death.

'40. Charles Martin, died Jan. 14, 1892.

He was born at Schenectady, Aug. 21, 1822, entered Union College in 1837, and graduated in class of '40. He then studied in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. After practicing in Philadelphia until 1848, he was appointed assistant surgeon in the Navy, which position he held until 1861, when he was appointed surgeon. He was on Coast Survey in 1850 and '51. During this time he was wrecked on coast of Patagonia and spent three months

there. He was on the Cumberland when it was sunk by the Merrimac, and was among the last to leave the vessel. He was also in two attacks on Ft. Fisher. In 1869-70 he was fleet-surgeon to North Atlantic Squadron. From 1872 to 1873 he was stationed at Washington and Norfolk. In 1873 he was appointed Medical Director in the Navy.

'48. The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Taylor, died on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at his home No. 229 Hewes St., Brooklyn, at the age of 69 years. His death was due to paralysis. Dr. Taylor was born in Oswego, N. Y. At the age of fifteen he began teaching in a district school. He entered Union College and graduated at the head of his class in 1848. He then became a teacher in Greek and Latin in Dr. Bullien's school in Albany. After this he entered Princeton Theological Seminary.

After leaving the seminary he became pastor of a church at Ballston Centre, N. Y. Here he remained six years. Then he accepted a call at Cambridge, where he remained ten years. His next charge was at Leroy, N. Y., where he remained several years. After leaving Leroy he became pastor of the Noble Street Presbyterian Church, in Brooklyn. This was his last pastorate. In 1886 he resigned it at the advice of his physician. In 1884 and 1885 he was moderator of the Brooklyn Presbytery. He leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter. The burial was at Rural Cemetery, Albany.

'53. Joseph S. Carroll, X. P., died Dec. 4th, at Ft. Randall, S. Dak., of pneumonia, while on a tour of inspection of his Regiment.

He was born at Ithaca, N. Y., Aug. 23, 1833. He graduated from Union in 1853, and from West Point in 1857. Before the war he was on the frontier in Minnesota, Nebraska and Kansas. He was wounded in 1861 at Wilson's Creek. After this he became Aide-de-camp to the Lieut. Col. at Army Headquarters until January 1864. In '64 he was with the 2nd Corps in the Wilderness. He afterwards became commander 2nd Infantry. He was corps commander under Hancock's staff. He was brevetted there since the war for bravery. He was at Military Academy as Assistant Instructor in Infantry Tactics from '71 to '74. He has also held important posts in Washington, Colorado, Dakota and Nebraska.

He was in 22nd Infantry for 22 years; then major 17th Infantry in 1879; Lieut. Col. 22nd Infantry in 1884; Col. 21st Infantry in Feb. '91. He was an able and gallant leader and justly merited the many honors conferred upon him.

Rev. J. Trumbull Backus, D. D., died Jan. 21, at his home on lower Union Street, at the age of 83 years. His death was caused by stomach trouble combined with the weakness attendant on old age.

Dr. Backus was born in Albany, Jan. 27, 1809. He graduated from Columbia College in 1827 and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1830. In 1832 he became pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Schenectady. This charge was the only one he ever held. He continued to be pastor of the church until 1873, when he was obliged to resign on account of failing eyesight. He was one of the first trustees of the

Home of the Friendless, and was also a member of the board of trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association. He was one of the trustees of Union College from 1852 until 18—. He was an intimate friend of Dr. Nott. He was at the time of his death one of the Visitors of the Wheatly Collection. Dr. Backus stood high in Presbyterian church circles and was an able theologian.

He was the first moderator of the re-united general assembly of the Presbyterian Church which convened in Philadelphia in 1870. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, Jan. 25th, and was largely attended by the many friends of the deceased.

#### A SUGGESTION.

I wish to offer some suggestions which, as I hope, will aid the promotion and success of the foot ball interests of "Old Union."

My idea is that the newly elect manager shall call a meeting of those men interested in foot ball and shall state to them that all of those who wished to be considered candidates for next year's team must meet at least three times a week in the gymnasium for the purpose of taking gymnasium work, and that they will not be considered candidates unless so doing. I would advise the captain to have a dummy placed in the gymnasium for the purpose of giving the men practice in *low tackling*; also it would be well to give the men instructions in boxing. Although boxing is not a part of the game it gives one confidence when playing on the line.

Punting and passing should be practiced by the backs on the cam-



pus when the weather permits; punting more especially, as it is now becoming one of the most essential parts of the game. Here is another scheme which at first may seem somewhat odd; it is that the candidates should make a thorough study of the rules. Ignorance of the rules is a weak point in every team's make up. I should propose that the captain drill the men thoroughly in all the rules and points of the game, so that no game may be lost through any one's lack of knowledge of the game, which has often been the case.

These suggestions no doubt will appear better in print than in practice, yet Stevens Institute compels her foot ball men to take gymnasium work three times a week, and there is no possible reason why Union cannot compel her foot ball team to do the same. There is nothing to hinder the men from commencing now to lay the ground work for next year's team, except that in-

difference toward training and athletic work which is characteristic in all Union men.

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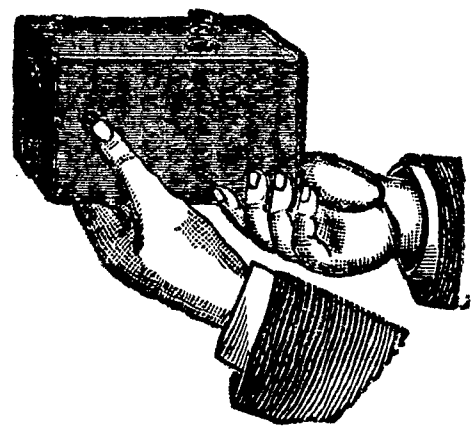
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The picture of this year's foot ball team was taken by Talbot, and may be obtained about the second week in February.

Prof. Wells is now travelling in Algiers and expects soon to go to Tangier. From there he is going to Paris and then home. He is expected about the beginning of spring term.

The sermon on the Day of Prayer for colleges was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Geo. Thomas Dowling, A. R., Colgate, pastor of the Madison Avenue First Reformed church, Albany.

By the time this number is out, the College Minstrel performance will have been given. It was thought best not to delay the publication of the paper and so the account of it will be delayed until the next issue.

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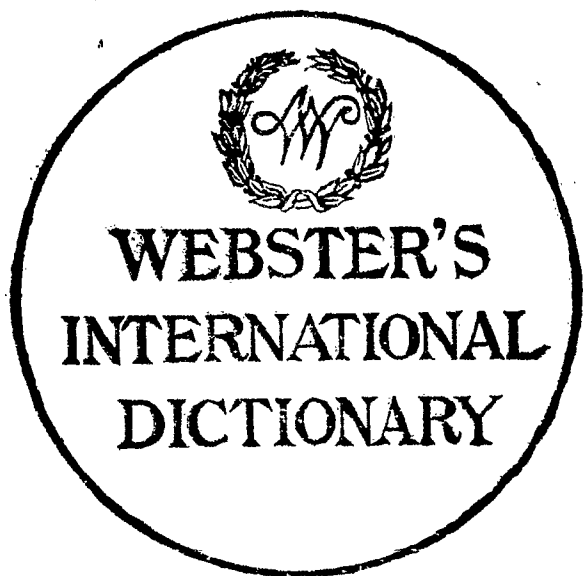
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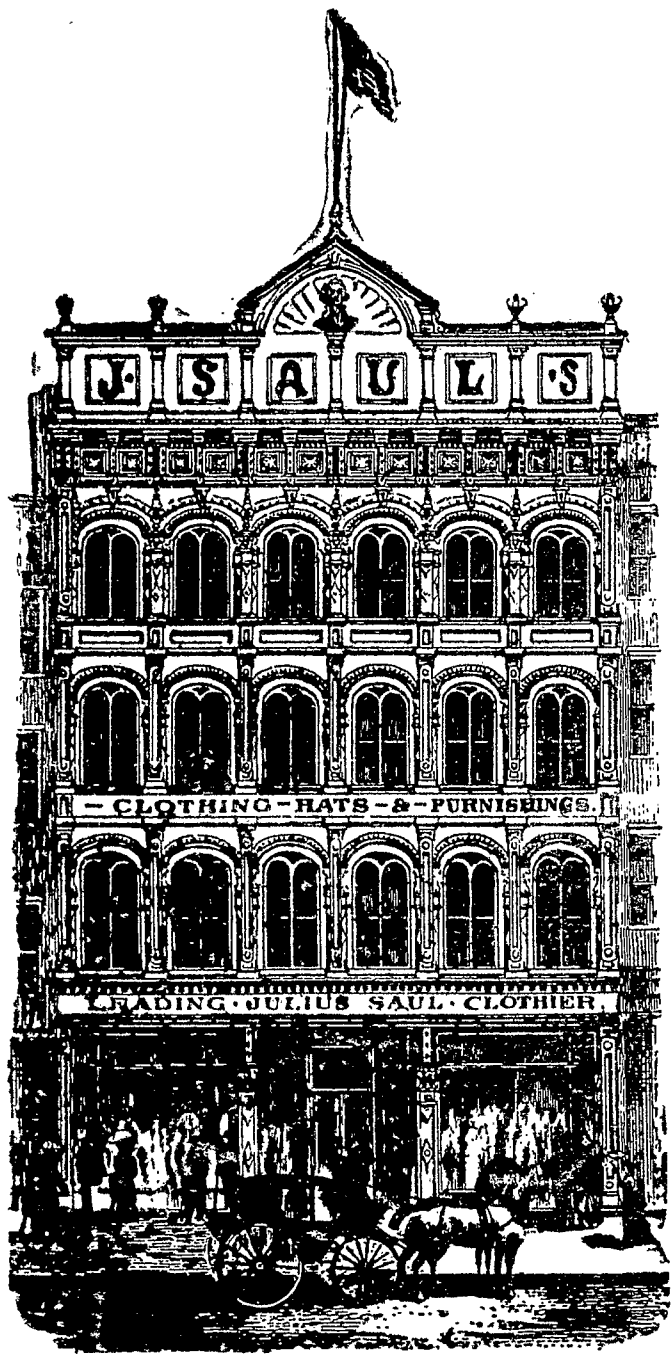
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