

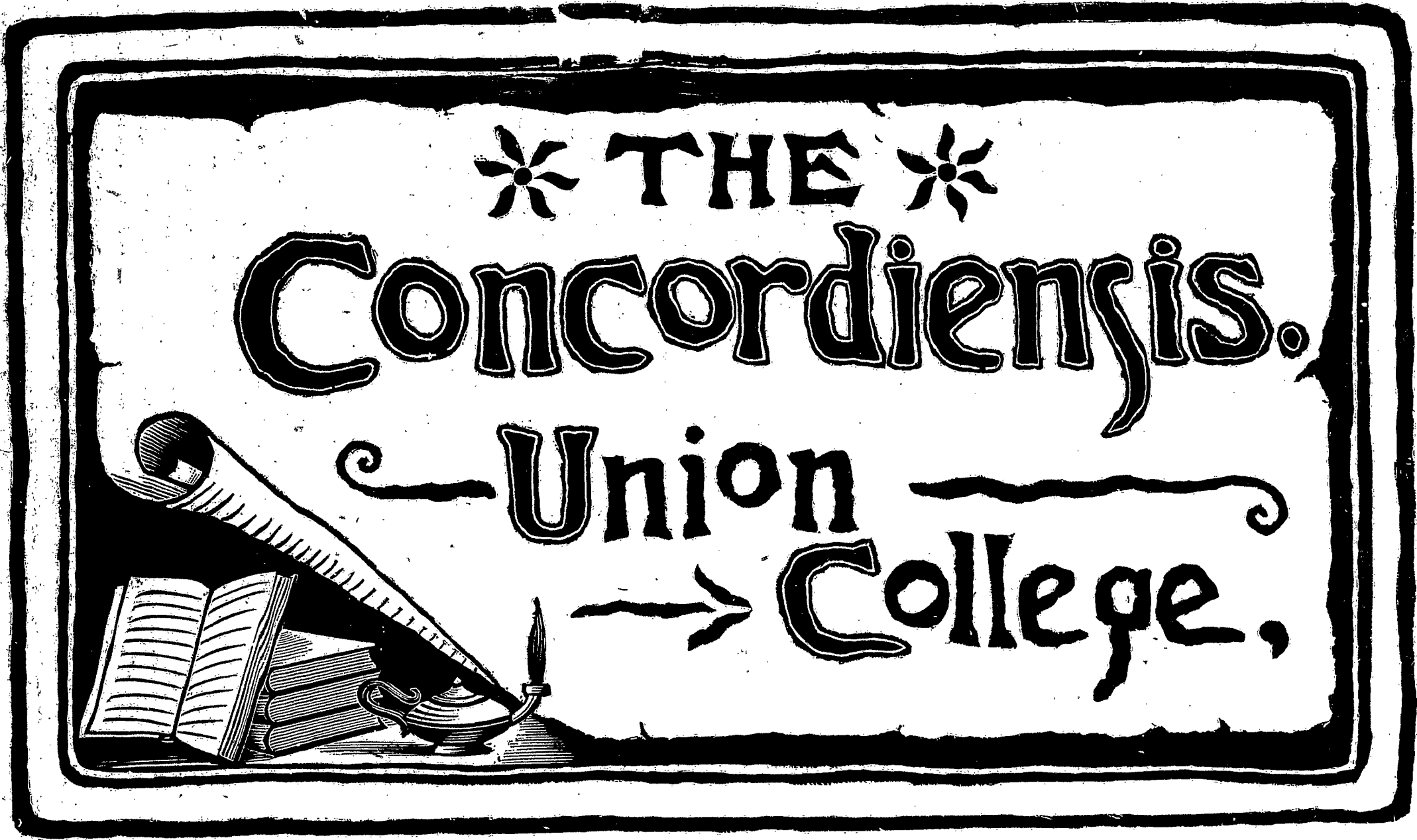
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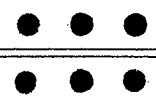
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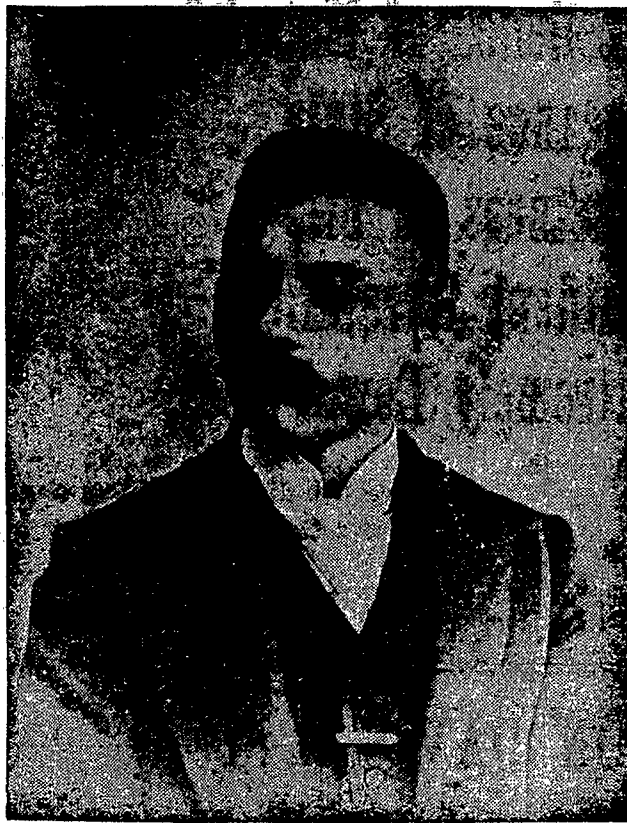
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MOSES.

The title suggests Higher Criticism, but we leave that to Union Seminary. Union College has its own Moses. His skin is darker than that of any Hebrew tanned by Africa's sun; he has never written a book—nor read one—but the story of his life parallels in some respects that of the great legislator. Both were born in slavery, were oppressed by task-masters, fled at divine command. Only one, however, reached the land of promise.

Moses Viney was born March 10, 1817, in Talbot county, Maryland, on a plantation owned by one William Murphy. His father, Horace Thomas, had been purchased at the auction-block in Baltimore some years before, and was doubtless a prime favorite with his master, as he became the father of no less than twenty-one children. Richard Murphy, to whom Moses passed later in the distribution of the property, had been born March 10, 1816, so that master and slave were playmates and presumably celebrated their birthdays together.

The Murphys were not unkind, rather the reverse. But no law of ethics obligated them to preserve families intact. It was often inconvenient, even impossible, so to do. Debts were contracted, financial credit had to be maintained; a good healthy negro lad was worth a thousand dollars:—gradually the Thomas family disintegrated. All was done legally, and with due observance of the proprieties. Other slaves were

whirled away in a Georgia trader's hack, locked in the Easton jail, then handcuffed, chained and marched to the landing on the Choptank where they set sail for the Sunny South. There were none of these harrowing scenes on the Murphy plantation. Moses himself was not separated from his parents till he was fourteen; nor was his after life one of special hardship. While he was not a court favorite, he had enough to eat and drink and was considered by his master a "right lucky nigger." But he was a slave, and within the slave there was a native instinct of liberty, a craving for a man's dignity, a dissatisfaction with things unworthy. These were the voice divine—who shall say less divine than that heard from the burning bush—prompting him as it has prompted many a people to escape thralldom.

"*The wild geese come from Canada, where all are free.*" This saying, oft repeated among the slaves, took root in the mind of the little colored lad. It became a talismanic word suggesting the thought of liberty, a thought which early ripened into a purpose. In the wheat fields the bosses often gave pennies to the boy who should stack the most sheaves. Moses treasured his; they formed his liberty fund. The pennies grew to dollars—twenty good fat dollars. At twenty-three his project was ripe for execution. He had been studying geography—had visited the neighboring towns for his master and knew the "lay of the land." With two friends he matured his plan.

It was desperate, the chances were against success; but the inner voice was imperative. Strange that he should have selected the morn of Resurrection Day, for escape. On Easter morning, 1840, he secured permission to attend a party at a neighboring town. This trip was to be his "three days journey into the wilderness," a journey not to be retraced. Sunday and Monday being holidays, he hoped to have a good two days start. The first night, they reached Denton, seventeen miles away, stealing into town, and out again in the darkness. All that night they walked northward, meeting no hindrance, save one large stream which they crossed in a canoe paddled with fence rails. Monday they reached Smyrna, in Delaware, and took stage to the steamboat landing on the river. This was a critical point. Once on board a steamboat bound for Philadelphia and they might scent the sweet air of liberty. Fortune favored and they reached Philadelphia safely, finding shelter there with "Bishop Wayman." The journey to New York was easy. They were bound for Canada, following the wild geese. * Abolitionist friends gave them letters to a man in Troy, the owner of a Canadian line of canal boats. Not finding this man, they wandered to Schenectady. There is a college story that Moses and his friends lay for some time in the woods back of the college, being fed and interviewed daily by Dr. Nott. A legend pure and simple!—Dr. Fonda was the good Samaritan. A true-blue abolitionist, he took the fugitives home, secured work for the other two and kept Moses in his service till 1847.

Those were the days of the famous three-wheeled chariot. President Nott needed a coachman; Moses was chosen to the

position of honor. Three years later the Fugitive Slave Law was passed. Union was full of southern students: Moses trembled for his safety and Dr. Nott thought his fear well grounded. Accordingly Hon. James Brown and Judge Douglass Campbell took the matter in hand and sent Clarkson N. Potter south to negotiate with Richard Murphy. The modest Murphy demanded no less than nineteen hundred dollars. Mr. Potter returned home and Moses crossed the line into Her Majesty's dominions where he remained till '52 in the employ of one of the "Palament gentlemen." Then Murphy opened correspondence. He had concluded that his security was not gilt-edged; that one darkey in Maryland was worth eight in Canada, and for two hundred and fifty dollars he forwarded the coveted papers of emancipation. Moses returned to Dorp to drive dignitaries of church and state. And who did not ride with him! Statesmen, financiers, generals, bishops, authors! No wonder the ladies consider it quite *chic* to shop with Moses now.

During the last years of the life of the distinguished President, years of suffering, Moses was body servant and constant attendant. The friendship they cemented was marked by delicate consideration and sincere affection on the one hand, by gratitude and tireless service on the other. That friendship is to-day the sweetest solace of the old age of the freedman, prized even more than the substantial legacy left him by Dr. Nott.

After the war Moses returned to Maryland. His old master welcomed him cordially notwithstanding the fact that he had impoverished him to the extent of sixteen hundred dollars. Of his family, two brothers had been killed fighting in the northern army; three only remained, with

one sister, Lela, four years old. Lela came North with him and is now the stay of his old age.

Years sit lightly upon the old man, and if fast driving does not shorten his life, he bids fair to perform his official functions as doorkeeper at the *President's Reception* for another score of years. His father lived to be one hundred and one years of age and his wife's mother reached the patriarchal age of one hundred and eight. Heredity and environment both potent, it will be seen.

Such is the story of a life which pictures in miniature the social drama of the emancipation of the colored race. It is a life of dignity. The early aspiration to seek "*land of the wild geese*," the fixity of the purpose to gain freedom, the courage of its execution, the phenomenal thrift and the fidelity to duty are marks of a character which makes his liberty real while that of his race is illusory.

To Union men his life is one of special interest. Moses is one of our institutions, a connecting link with our romantic past. We like to think of him seated in his chariot waiting to drive Dr. Nott to Albany after evening chapel. There is nothing remarkable about the drive, nor about a carriage one wheel short. But by some occult process, the chariot and Moses, Colonel Pickett, Aumee, Uncle Jimmy, the Idol, the Terrace and a dozen other things, animate and inanimate, have secured a grip on our hearts. Foolish! Yes, we plead guilty—as must the octogenarians who spin old college yarns at Commencement—but we continue to create and pay homage to our college divinities. Moses is one of them and we should like to see him at our Centennial Anniversary driving about the campus in a chariot, one wheel short built, on the old model.

A. S. WRIGHT, '82.

An Interesting Document.

Dr. Raymond has in his possession an old MS. dated 1816, an inaugural address, as its title page informs, delivered before the Philomathean Society by Geo. Ames Lintner, President. The paper is a valuable college curio, but peculiarly interesting as throwing light, however vague, upon the student life of that period of the college's history. That time and energy not devoted to study, which now is taken up in the interest of athletics and other college institutions, was then, we may believe, centered in the upholding and carrying on of the two literary societies—the Philomathean and Adelpheic.

The societies were probably a most important factor in, or better, part of the college itself, as one is led to believe from the seriousness and earnestness with which they were conducted. The parliamentary proceedings and literary work must have held an equal importance with the curriculum itself.

The laws then were most stringent, and enforced and obeyed to the letter. The speaker repeatedly, in his address, calls upon the members to live up to their by-laws, and obey even the most trivial, insisting that this obedience is the most essential need in the well-being of any society, as indeed it is.

It seems that cliques had sprung up, for the speaker bids his fellow-members banish all semblance of "malice and strife," and "crush to death that reptile which, as it enters each breast, stings, and that with mortal venom." The whole address is imbued with a loftiness of purpose which is indeed commendable; and the speaker was endowed with an interest in the welfare of the society which future

presidents may well have emulated.

The address now and then takes on the character of sermonizing, and the speaker urges his hearers to guard well their good character, as such only is consistent with the nature of the society. He demands that the exercises be always conducted with decorum, and that their hall be nothing but the scene of lofty literary labor. Woe then to the flagrant offender who has spent late hours of the previous night in mirth and pleasure, and appears on the scene of debate with brain bemuddled, and forgets his piece. With what scorn such culprits were punished is only open to conjecture. We of the present day may well exclaim "*tempora mutantur.*"

The opening of the address would perhaps provoke a smile from the reader; and shows that in one trifling respect the customs of our college world are similar to those of the past. His are the same (perhaps not then but certainly now) well-worn words which presidents must needs use in assuming the duties of office—the extreme fear of their inability to do justice to their duties; the overpowering sense of inefficiency; their desire, however, to do their best, etc. But this smile, if such there be, quickly passes away, for the speaker is in all earnestness, and clearly betrays those qualities which must have eminently fitted him as a presiding officer.

From reading the address it is at once easy to perceive that there was an element present then which does not exist now, a social as well as a literary side. These two elements, then inseparable, continued so for a long time, despite the gradual accession of the Greek letter fraternities which were destined to absorb the social life to themselves. The union

of the two elements was probably the reason of the societies' long and flourishing existence. Of late, however, the social element seems gradually to have weakened, and upon the revival of the societies, ceased to exist, they now being formal debating societies.

Though at present they play but a minor part, both societies are rapidly acquiring strength; and a duty rests upon the college to insure their success. The presence of a well-ordered debating society is a course of elocution in itself, and should, it seems, be considered as such, and hence carefully fostered. Although in the more exciting and pleasant diversions of college life their importance is apt to be lost sight of, in after life it will surely be felt. W. A. J., '95.

Day of Prayer.

The usual observance at Union of the annual day of prayer for colleges, was attended with services of great benefit and interest to all who participated. The morning service at the chapel was largely attended by the faculty, undergraduate body, and a number of their friends. The Rev. Dr. Sawin, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Troy, preached the sermon, Dr. Raymond assisting in the service. The speaker selected as his text verses 64–66 of the sixth chapter of John's gospel. Throughout his entire discourse his hearers listened with the closest attention, and expressions of their appreciation of his remarks have since been signal and numerous.

In the afternoon a praise service was held, at which, after a brief, pointed address by President Raymond, the open meeting was participated in by many of those present.

Briefly Told.

Union's Expulsion from the Base Ball League on Charges of Professionalism—The Action Unjust and Unconstitutional—Retraction Demanded.

At the meeting of the managers of the Base Ball League held in Syracuse on January 25, Union was expelled on charges of professionalism preferred by Colgate.

At a college meeting held on January 30, Union adopted the following set of resolutions:

WHEREAS, The representatives of Colgate, Rochester and Syracuse Universities and Hobart College have voted to expel Union College from the N. Y. S. I. B. B. A.; and

WHEREAS, In so doing they have preferred charges against the Foot Ball and Base Ball Associations of Union College which are entirely without foundation; and

WHEREAS, They refused to prove, or attempt to prove, their charges by an investigation, and acted hastily and with a seemingly evil intent; and

WHEREAS, Union College is associated with the above named institutions in a foot ball and track athletic association; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it be the sentiment of the undergraduate body of students of Union College that we refuse to participate with the above named colleges in any athletic contest until such charges are retracted and apologies made; and be it further

Resolved, That we withdraw from the foot ball and track athletic associations, and that we request the Athletic Advisory Board of Union College to take prompt action in demanding an investigation or an apology from the authorities of the above institutions, with a view of vindicating ourselves before the college world.

The Athletic Advisory Board immediately held a meeting and drew up the following communication, which was forwarded to the Executive Committee of the N. Y. S. I. B. B. A.:

To the Executive Committee of the New York State Inter-Collegiate Base Ball Association:

GENTLEMEN:—The following purports

to be the action of the New York State Inter-Collegiate Base Ball Association, at its regular meeting in Syracuse on January 25th, 1895:

WHEREAS, Union College recently attempted to gain membership in the Triangular League, thereby showing a desire to drop the N. Y. S. I. B. B. A.; and

WHEREAS, The colleges of the aforesaid league, by their unanimous refusal of her request, showed their disapproval of the methods employed in Union College athletics; and

WHEREAS, The athletic managers, past and present, have hired and attempted to hire men to play on her base ball and foot ball teams for sums ranging from \$200 to \$300 yearly; and

WHEREAS, Union College, through her managers, attempted to steal men from other colleges on account of their athletic abilities; and

WHEREAS, Such tactics, unless checked, will ultimately destroy college athletics; and

WHEREAS, A strong sentiment against such disgraceful methods is being expressed by the league colleges in the country; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Union College be expelled from the N. Y. S. I. B. B. A.

If this is a true report of the proceedings of the Association (no official communication has been received by us) we, the Advisory Board of the Union College Athletic Association, respectfully call your attention to Article IX, Sections 5 and 6, of the Constitution of the New York State Inter-Collegiate Base Ball Association, containing the only provision for the expulsion of a college from the League; and we claim our rights under the Constitution, refusing to recognize the legality of the action of January 25th, and demand an investigation of the charges made, or an immediate retraction.

Respectfully,

THE ATHLETIC ADVISORY BOARD OF UNION COLLEGE.

C. P. LINHART, } *Faculty Members.*
H. T. MOSHER, }
WM. ALLEN, *Base Ball Manager.*
CLARKE DAY, *Foot Ball Manager.*
A. E. BARNES, *Athletic Manager.*

The Sophomore Soirée.

The Soirée to be given by the Sophomore Class in the Van Curler on February fifteenth promises to be the event of the season. The competent committee in charge are exerting every effort to bring it to a successful issue, and the long list of representative Schenectady social leaders who are to act as patronesses insure a delightful and long-to-be-remembered evening.

As is customary, the different fraternities intend to occupy the boxes, and Gioscia's orchestra, of eight pieces, will furnish the music. Dobermann, of Schenectady, will cater. Nine hundred invitations have been issued and a large attendance of people from out of town—society representatives from Albany, Troy and neighboring places—is expected.

'97 hope to surpass any Soirée heretofore given, and judging from the lavish preparations being made, their ambition will be realized.

Following is the list of patronesses and the members of the committee:

Patronesses—Mrs. A. V. V. Raymond, Mrs. J. B. Cahoon, Mrs. I. B. Price, Mrs. J. D. Consalus, Mrs. D. P. McQueen, Mrs. B. H. Ripton, Mrs. J. A. De Remer, Mrs. H. T. Mosher, Mrs. M. C. Shoemaker, Mrs. W. T. Hanson, Mrs. J. K. Paige, Mrs. Wm. H. Smith, Mrs. W. S. Hunter, Mrs. J. L. Patterson, Mrs. J. W. Smitley, Mrs. C. P. Linhart, Mrs. Maurice Perkins, Mrs. J. H. Stoller, Mrs. W. C. Vrooman, Mrs. C. O. Yates.

Committee—George E. Williams, Paul Canfield, Raymond D. Fuller, Herbert H. Brown, Charles S. Daley, Hiram C. Todd, Benjamin A. Burtiss, Edward E. Draper, Earl A. Wilson, James Wingate.

Brother Will—Why don't you accept Jack? He is the Harvard record breaker in the high vault.

Sister Sall—Yes, but I prefer the record breaker in the safety deposit vault.—*N. Y. World.*

Shakespeare Club.

The prospects for a successful season of this popular organization are exceedingly bright. On the 4th inst. the "Merchant of Venice" was discussed with profit and pleasure to the members. The plot of the play was examined and the characters criticised. The able and interesting remarks of Mr. Edwards were much appreciated.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 P. M. February 25, in the English room, when the play, "Midsummer Night's Dream," will be discussed as follows:

1. For what purpose was this play evidently written? W. J. Sanderson.
2. Is the play purely a product of Shakespeare's imagination? W. J. Sanderson.
3. Are the fairies in "Midsummer Night's Dream" the same as those in Spenser's "Fairy Queen?" A. M. Blodgett.
4. Was Shakespeare the first to give the fairy of the fireside tales a place in literature? A. M. Blodgett.
5. What is the general impression produced by the play? D. B. Eldredge.
6. Speak of the dramatic coloring of the play. D. B. Eldredge.
7. What is the fundamental idea of the play? Geo. E. Pollock.
8. Briefly narrate the plot. Geo. E. Pollock.
9. Do the characters seem to be impelled by fixed motives? T. F. Bayles.
10. Discuss the characters of the fairies. T. F. Bayles.
11. What are the functions of the god of love and the fairies in the play? G. L. Streeter.
12. How does *Puck* figure in general literature? G. L. Streeter.
13. Explain the illusions in Iberon's Vision. O. B. Pershing.

14. What is the purpose of the play of "Pyramis and Thisbe?" O. B. Pershing.
15. Show the contrast in the character of Hernia and Helena. A. S. Derby.
16. Is the chief interest in the plot character, or language? A. S. Derby.
17. Did the poet mean to ridicule the love passion? R. Guernsey.
18. What is the turning point of the play? Prof. G. V. Edwards.
19. Quote some of the finest passages. Prof. G. V. Edwards.
20. Locate and explain the following: (a) "Let me play a woman;" (b) "hold, or cut bow strings;" (c) "*hind'ring knot-grass*;" (d) "to sweep the dust behind the door." R. Guernsey.

Passages for reading:—Act I, Scene 2, whole scene, H. Pemberton, '95. Act II, Scene 1, to "Enter Demetrius, Helena following him," H. H. Brown. Act V, Scene 1, whole scene, R. H. Potter.

The officers of the Shakespeare Club this year are: President, T. F. Bayles, '95; Vice-President, George Pollock, '96; Secretary, W. H. Hall, '96; Treasurer, Geo. Dann, '96; Executive Committee, Pemberton, '95, Beattie, '96, Cherry, '97.

Bible Study at Union.

To one who is at all conversant with the extent of the above-named study in this college, it would seem that, as far as we are concerned, there is no necessity for making it a required study, as many people now propose for colleges in general.

Chief in the extent of its interest in this line is Dr. Truax's Class in Bible study. Its members meet weekly, three sessions having been held already. At the first two of these Prof. Truax, in his

characteristic, thorough manner, introduced the study of the Bible as a literary work, and the precious heritage we have in the possession of the Book of Books. The more immediate work of the class was then entered upon, and will consist of a careful study of the teachings of Christ himself. A number of students pledged their support to this class in order to secure its successful organization; but this is not to be understood as excluding any person from attendance. Its value and interest are very manifest in the mere fact that what is known as the English room has been filled with those who have attended the lectures already given.

A more quiet movement, but one which progresses with the sure and steady effect of an undercurrent, is that of the Bible study by means of groups. Three of them, each with about five members, assemble weekly in the room of one of their number. They use, as an aid in their research, a small book entitled "Christ Among Men"—object lessons in personal work.

We cannot but commend to every student these advantages for becoming better acquainted with divine truth; and in passing, it would be well to urge a larger attendance upon the Sabbath afternoon service. President Raymond's efforts to make this a meeting of exceptional interest are certainly a just demand upon the enthusiastic co-operation of the undergraduate body.

First Footpad—"Say, Cully, here comes de cop, an' no chance to run!"

Second Footpad—"Hol' on, I'll fix him. Rip slash! hog wash! by gosh! ham fat! ding dat! raw hoo row!"

Policeman (passing on)—"Them's about the toughest students I ever see.—*Ex.*"

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Union Withdraws from Two Leagues.

At a recent meeting of the student body, Union withdrew from the New York State Inter-Collegiate Foot Ball League and Track and Field Athletic Association, by a unanimous vote. The league consists of Hamilton, Hobart, Colgate, Syracuse and Rochester, and up to within a few years ago included Cornell in base ball; but Cornell outgrew her sister colleges, and a separation became necessary, very much as Union now finds it more to her interests to withdraw from her present company and seek institutions more worthy of her steel.

It certainly would be hardly fair for Union to continue to wrest the championship from the league colleges, as she has done in recent years, without effort. For one college to be so pre-eminently superior to her sisters in a league that her victory is always a foregone conclusion, is certainly not conducive to a spirited and healthy rivalry, as it not only casts a depressing influence over the weaker, but

creates a feeling of indifference and disinterestedness on the part of the stronger institution. This indifferent feeling has recently taken the form of positive laxity and apathy here at Union, to such an extent that no enthusiasm can be aroused over a league contest. Our athletes have not seen the necessity for hard training, and our "rosters" have been content to await the news of the games with calm indifference.

For the advancement of athletics at Union it has been seen that "faster" company must be secured. We must play with colleges that call for the exertion of our every energy. We must develop a greater spirit of honest rivalry. Such ends could not be effected by our continuance in the old league; hence our withdrawal. We feel that our action will benefit our old associates in the same proportion that it is bound to benefit us, and we wish them the success in the future which our presence has denied them in the past. In parting let us say: "May the best men win!"

Our Expulsion Unconstitutional & Unjust.

In another column will be found a brief account of the expulsion of Union from the base ball league, together with an account of the action of the student body and advisory board relative to the same. Admitting for the sake of argument that the charges preferred against us by the colleges in the league were true, their action was unconstitutional. Article IX, section 5, of the constitution, says: "In case of doubt as to a player's qualifications, such doubts shall be investigated by the executive committee on application of any college."

It will be seen that the league, regard-

less of this provision in the constitution, expelled Union upon the libelous testimony of some of our jealous and less successful rivals. The action of our advisory board in demanding an investigation on the part of the executive committee of the league was exceedingly timely, and can have but one outcome: a proof of the entire falsity of the charges of professionalism, and a retraction upon the part of our accusers.

Even at this early day the league colleges have begun to see the serious error they committed in trying to get rid of their too successful rival by maliciously accusing her falsely. The square way for them to have acted, if they were tired of our company, would have been to have quietly requested us to withdraw and give them a show for the pennant. But they preferred other means.

The matter resolves itself into a simple case of several colleges, whose own athletics are of a questionable purity, acting under the promptings of jealousy, preferring charges of professionalism against a sister college, and attempting by their dastardly action to cast a stigma upon the name of an institution which has been proven their easy superior upon many a memorable field and occasion. Could there be greater hypocrisy than this?

Let it be scored to Union's credit that she has been cut loose from an alliance with colleges whose members have time and again been known to treat visiting teams in a manner little befitting the conduct of college men. Let us congratulate ourselves that we are no longer in league with colleges some of which have been known to lack responsibility enough to pay their guarantee, and whose representatives are without respectability enough to give a too successful rival a

chance to resign from their company without being unjustly expelled with dishonor.

Here and There.

AN INCIDENT OF THE LAST HOP.

I regret to say it was two Seniors who left the water running from the tank at the last Junior hop, which consequently flooded that side of the hall and caused the sad collapse of an important adjunct of the college faculty: a gentleman who may be said to lead the faculty in a social way; who is a liberal patron of all college affairs, and whose example might well be followed by others of his associates *in facultate*.

I remember standing against the opposite wall—sometimes it is an advantage to be a wall-flower—when the two Seniors in question slowly wended their way in the direction of the liquid refreshment. They scrupulously passed the “punch-bowl”—ye shades of Tom and Jerry forgive the insult—and approached the water tank, whose cooling contents were unsullied by the presence of a solitary lemon rind, as was the surface of its harmless neighbor.

Drawing off two sparkling bumpers, they drank their fill, leaving the water running. It must have been that they were in the depths of a discussion on political economy, or mental or moral philosophy, for they stood heedless of the death-dealing flood that quietly and unseen spread its way out over the floor where a lively two-step was engrossing the attention of the merry dancers.

It must have been several minutes before the two Seniors became aware of the condition of affairs, and then, he of the tall form and curly hair made a dive for the tank, turned off the stream, and disappeared in the maze of the dance with he of the short form and round face following in his wake.

I took it all in at a glance. The professor before alluded to was gliding in the direction of certain doom. I realized that something dreadful was going to happen. It is always my luck to be around when something dreadful happens. Now was my chance to distinguish myself as a hero. By plunging headlong into the mad whirl, and throwing my arms about the professor, I could avert the catastrophe; but with characteristic indecision at critical moments, I paused a second. That second sealed the fate of the professor. His heel struck the water. I hid my eyes with my hands and turned aside. I heard a sickening thud, and at the same time heard a smothered chuckle at my side; I removed my hand from my eyes; the

tall Senior was standing near, and actually, he smiled.

THE LAST FOOT BALL POET.

In justice to myself and also to prevent further needless effusion of ink and brains on the part of our embryo song-writers, I must announce that no more foot ball songs will be accepted by this paper. The latest production of this kind was brought into the sanctum a few days ago and offered to me for inspection. But before accepting the manuscript I gazed upon the future laureate with a calm, compassionless eye and I said: "You are the thirteenth man who has contributed a foot ball song, and this is the seventh day of the month. In yonder pigeon-hole lies an obituary which was written in anticipation of this visit; it was written with all the beauty of expression, tenderness of pathos and exquisite feeling of which this sanctum is capable; when read it is warranted to bring tears of joy into the eyes of loving friends; even the fond mother will say: 'Willie was a noble boy!' All that this tender obituary lacks is the date and name of deceased, space for which have been left blank. In the same pigeon-hole will be found an order on the undertaker for one first-class embalming and a pine box; as in the obituary, spaces have been left for the name of the deceased; a check for five dollars, payable to Grupe, the florist, will settle for flowers. My dear fellow, shall I make the papers over to you?" And I quietly reached for two bricks and a shillelah which I keep conveniently near; but when I turned to look, he had flown.

Base Ball Schedule.

Manager Allen reports that the schedule of ball games up to date is as follows:

On the Campus—Trinity, April 22; C. L. I., May 1; Ridgefield, May 9; Murray Hills, May 14; Hamilton, May 20; University of Vermont, June 4; and Cuban Giants, June 14.

Southern Trip playing—Fordham, April 3; Columbia College, April 4; with possible games with Georgetown University and Columbia A. C., at Washington.

Eastern Trip playing—Amherst, May 4; Wesleyan, May 6, and Trinity, May 7; West Point, May 11; Williams at Albany, June 1.

The Bard.

"Going To Press"

"To-morrow at ten we go to press;"
Said the scribe with the massive brow.
Said she: "Sir Editor, I confess
I wish you were going to now."
C. W. C.

Caught His Eye.

A maid of Dorp, while out for a walk
Met a student, handsome and tall;
"I'll catch his eye," she said, and she did—
On the prongs of her parasol!
G. A. J.

Yea, Polling.

I.
The fire wanes low, the sullen glow
Is dying, dying, dying—
And through the darkness of the night
The winds are sadly sighing—
Yea, sighing.

II.
The midnight knell, a distant bell
Is tolling, tolling, tolling—
And oh, mine head doth pain and ache,
With non-surcease of polling,
Yea, polling.
SHEEHAN, '98.

Philosophy.

Shall I grieve because a maid
Swore to love me;—failed to do it?
When we both are old and staid,
I shall laugh;—and she shall rue it.
Shall I grieve, if for a prize,
Strive my best;—yet fail to win it?
In the world where honor lies,
Medal men are seldom in it.

ENVOI.
Racers sleeping on their spurs
Wait too late Pluck's steps to follow;
Maidens op'ning chestnut burrs
Oft times find the kernel hollow.
CRANNELL, '95.

SONG.

Union Beside the Mohawk Vale.

Air—"Annie of the Vale." Words by C. E. FRANKLIN, '83.
Come now to the campus all true sons of Union,
With one accord in song your voices raise;

Proclaim loud their glory, those walls old and hoary
The college where are spent such happy days.

CHORUS.

Then, come, Union's sons; ne'er let the glad chorus fail,
That tells in proud measure how fondly we treasure
Old Union beside the Mohawk vale.

If true sons are jewels a mother adorning,
Resplendent Alma Mater's brow with light;
Her children wide-scatter'd are ev'rywhere loyal
To Union, to our country and the right.

Local and Personal.

Haviland, '98, is on the sick list.

Murphy, ex-'97, has entered Hamilton.

Requests for catalogues are coming in every day.

The Mandolin Club is holding weekly rehearsals.

Gregory, '94, attended chapel service on the 8th.

Twenty degrees below zero on Wednesday, the 6th.

E. H. Hildner, '98, has left college for a term or two.

Frost-tipped ears and noses were in profusion last week.

President Raymond was in New York several days last week.

T. F. Bayles, '95, recently enjoyed a his visit from mother.

H. D. Merchant, '93, of Nassau, was in the city a few days ago.

The Rev. Geo. C. DeMott, Bowdoin, '94, was on the hill last week.

Bolts have been numerous recently. The blizzard was responsible.

Sinclair, '98, has left college for a few days. Frozen ears are the cause.

The Freshmen were examined on "Histoire d'un Paysan" on February 8.

The Glee Club is rehearsing every Thursday evening at seven, and every Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

Gifford Morgan, ex-'97, of Brockport, N. Y., was on the hill a few days ago.

Prof. Cole was recently absent from his recitations for a few days on account of illness.

The Freshmen took their final examination in "English, Past and Present," February 7.

Mr. William Robertson, Princeton, '95, was the guest of Clarke Day, '95, several days last week.

J. M. Cass, '95, preached in the Baptist Church, Scotia, on Sabbath morning and evening, Feb. 3d.

Lyon, '98, while training in the gym. ran against a bar and cut his eye. He was laid up for a few days.

Richard Van Beusekom, '94, of the Albany Medical College, was present at the college meeting last Friday.

The medical college at Albany has a recess during the most of this week. The Medical Board is in session.

Prof. Opdyke was among the guests at the informal tea given by the Governor and Mrs. Morton two weeks ago.

The Freshman Class was examined last week in "English—Past and Present," and is now entering upon the work in rhetoric.

The latest thing in ornamental signs appears on a south college door, bearing the information, "Horses Fed at the North End."

The 109th registration in the Class of '98 was entered on the 10th inst. The new comer is D. Valencourt Deuell, of Saratoga Springs.

The base ball candidates have been greatly handicapped in their training owing to the cold condition of the gymnasium. Exercise has been suspended for several days.

A petition to introduce into our public schools a course of instruction in practical hygiene, has been freely circulated through the college lately.

J. M. Cass and O. West, '95, and Prof. Winans, acted as judges at the recent temperance prize speaking contest in the State St. M. E. Church.

The Advisory Board of THE CONCORDIENSIS has chosen M. A. Twiford, '96, to be Editor-in-Chief, and W. H. Hall, '96, to be Literary Editor, next year.

In the preliminary programme of the annual State Y. M. C. A. Convention to be held at Syracuse, February 21st to 24th inclusive, we notice the name of Dr. A. V. V. Raymond, who is to deliver an address. Probably a number of Union men will attend the convention.

The Philomathean Literary Society's room has been newly carpeted. Pace must be kept with improvements being made in the curriculum, faculty, buildings and everything else. The literary societies are as worthy as they are needy of the support of students and alumni.

Dean Ripton on Tuesday delivered the fifth and last of his historical lectures in aid of the Prospect Hill Chapel. These lectures have been very highly appreciated by those who attended, and the substantial aid afforded to the advancement

of religious work in the vicinity of the chapel will doubtless repay the Dean for the labor they involved.

Much interest is being manifested preparatory to the preliminary contest, to be held the 16th of February, for the choice of an orator to represent this college at the N. Y. S. I. Oratorical League. From some half-dozen candidates for the position of representative, one orator and one alternate will be chosen. The intercollegiate contest will take place in Schenectady on the 8th of March.

After his lecture on Thursday evening last, General Lew Wallace was reminded of the good times of his student life by meeting the members of the local chapter of Phi Gamma Delta, of which fraternity he is a member. A reception had been arranged for his entertainment, but owing to the physical strain to which the General has been subjected recently, he found it necessary to request its cancellation.

Manager Greenman, of the foot ball team, read a letter from Hamilton at the college meeting, Friday morning, which bore the information that that college condemned the action of the State Base Ball League in expelling Union on charges of professionalism, and that they would vote against accepting Union's resignation from the Foot Ball League and Track and Field Athletic Associations. Thanks, Hamilton!

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The lecture of Mr. Horace Andrews, City Engineer of the city of Albany, was well attended by many students in addition to those pursuing engineering courses. The speaker, having been introduced by Prof. O. H. Landreth, proceeded from general remarks on the work of an engineer, to present the methods of work followed in the department of the City Engineer of Albany. It is scarcely necessary to add that the lecture was full of interesting information. These practical talks are a feature of the course that can not be too highly appreciated.

Among the additions to the library for the half month of February are found some volumes worthy of special mention, as they will be sought for by lovers of history. There are two volumes of Andrews' "History of the United States," Ropes' "Story of the Civil War," Townsend's "Historical, Geographical and Political United States," two volumes of "The Influence of Sea Power upon the French Revolution and Empire," and "Influence of Sea Power upon History," by Capt. A. T. Mahan. In addition to these, all of which belong to the Thompson alcove, is "Our Fight with Tammany," by Dr. Parkhurst.

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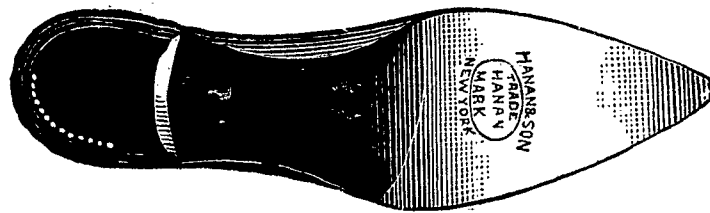
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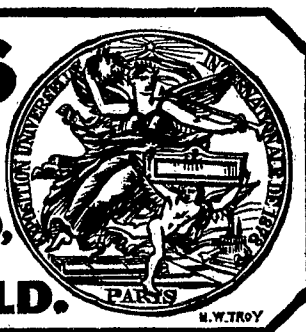
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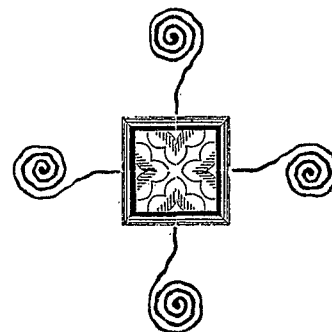
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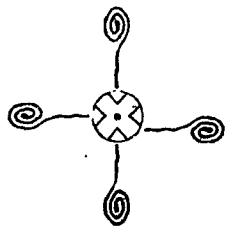
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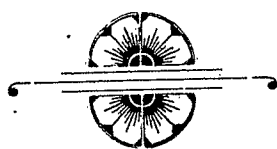
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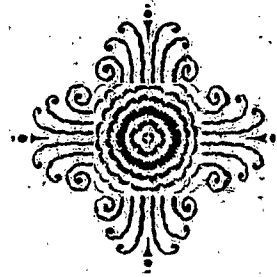
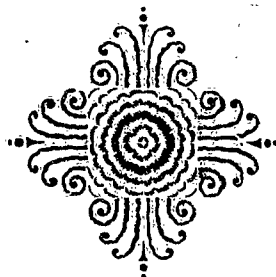
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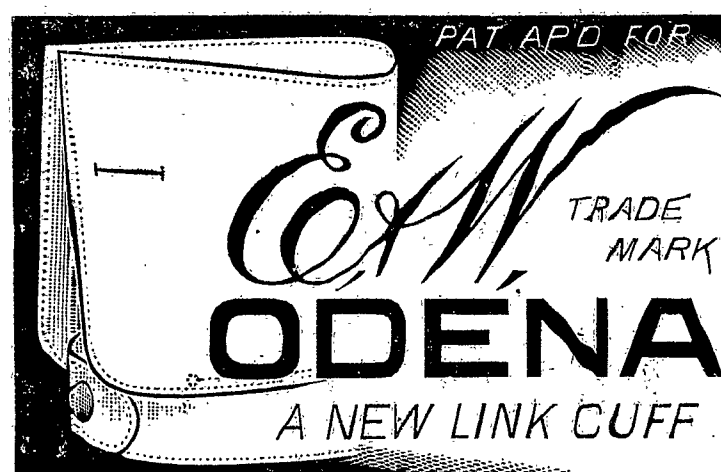
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