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Dinner of the Union College Alumni of North Eastern New York.

The eighth annual re-union and dinner of the Union College Alumni Association of North Eastern New York was held on Tuesday evening, January 28, at the Hotel Kenmore in Albany. The gathering proved to be the best and the largest one the association has ever had, and it far exceeded the expectations of the most enthusiastic. Covers for only sixty had been engaged, but when it came time for the banquet to begin it was found that nearly a hundred and twenty-five were present. A delay was the consequence, and it was after nine o'clock when the merry assemblage finally entered the banquet hall.

The room was very tastily decorated with flowers and the tables were arranged in the form of a U. Gartland's orchestra of eight pieces furnished music and a quartette of undergraduates consisting of Beattie, '96; Gillespie, Med., '96; Hild, '98 and Green, '99 enlivened the crowd with college songs. Several of the other undergraduates were also present and aided in making things merry with their songs and yells.

Edward D. Ronan, '67, president of the association, acted as toastmaster. At his right sat President Raymond of Union, President Elliott of Harvard, Charles E. Sprague, Rev. Dr. George Alexander and John A. DeRemer, the last three being trustees of the college. At his left sat State Comptroller Roberts, Asst. State Superintendent of Public Schools Ainsworth, Justice Alden Chester, Prof. Robinson and Alex. J. Thompson. From the faculty there were present Dean Ripton, Professors Wells, Pepper, Stoller, Hale, Mosher, Opdyke, Reeves and McKenzie.

It was expected that there would be a bitter fight between the factions from Albany and

Dorp concerning the matter of removing the college to the former city, and Schenectady sent down a large delegation of Alumni ready to uphold her end, but the Albany men evidently thought that silence was the better policy, for they did not appear to wish to talk about the matter. Even Mayor John Boyd Thacher, who pretends to be "the whole thing" in the controversy failed to attend, probably on account of official duties.

The dinner being over—and it is well here to remark that the dinner was an excellent one in every particular—toastmaster Ronan, with a few well chosen remarks, welcomed the guests and introduced the first speaker, President A. V. V. Raymond, who responded to this toast, "Union University." Dr. Raymond began by saying his task was a difficult one owing to the air of rivalry that at present exists between Albany and Schenectady and a great number of the alumni. The question of removal is not equivalent to Union's life or death, but Union is not going to die. She has just emerged from a thirty years' war that would have killed any ordinary college. He spoke of the recent gifts to Union, the changes in the faculty and the new courses of study. He also predicted that in the near future the college hero would be a man of mind and not of muscle and that college life would become more educational than at present. He said in conclusion that he knew of no college with higher prospects than Union and no matter where the college should be located a higher and a better work was to be its object.

Hon. James A. Roberts, in answer to the toast "Bowdoin University," contrasted that institution and Union, and gave quite an extended account of Bowdoin's great men and the manner in which they had influenced the world. Hon. D. E. Ainsworth in replying to "The Colleges of the People" pointed out the need of a better system for the training of teachers and said that one must be obtained before long. He

believes that the college should take this matter in hand and the sooner it does the better it will be for the State. The field is still open and it is a field that stands unexcelled.

The toastmaster next introduced Justice Alden Chester, who, in response to the toast "The Judiciary," compared the judiciary systems of New York and Massachusetts and claimed that these two states have the best systems of any in the land. He closed by saying that the principle question in the discussion of the removal of the college is not the benefit it would be to Albany nor the loss to Schenectady, but the best interests of Old Union.

"The Board of Trustees" was responded to by Rev. George Alexander, D. D. He said that he was surprised to see the trustees called upon to act as bottle-holders in a contest between the two Dutch cities. He said that Albany should have been anxious to secure the college one hundred years sooner and not have waited until Old Union had made a name for herself. He also dwelt upon the good location of Dorp, it being the centre of a circle of thirty miles radius which includes one of the most thickly settled portions of the country.

Hon. Alex. J. Thompson, in response to the toast "Echoes from 'Old Dorp'" said that he had attended the banquet ready for a contest with the Albany enthusiasts, but that none of them appeared. He then gave a short history of the founding of the college and said that it was owing to Gen. Philip Schuyler, an Albanian, that the college went to Schenectady. Mr. Thompson paid a grand tribute to Dr. Nott and his descendants for their dealings with the college. He said that Albany wanted Union only because of self-interest and he scored that city for not caring for the part of the University they already have. He concluded by saying that the controversy is injuring the institution.

President Elliott of Harvard was the last speaker. In responding to the toast "Fair Harvard" he explained how their mode of government differed from most colleges. At Harvard the trustees all live in Boston and hold meetings every two weeks and at these meetings everything of interest to the university is discussed.

He seemed to be in favor of establishing colleges in large cities and at great educational centers. He said the question of removal in his mind resolved itself into the question whether the University could do effective work with the departments separated as now.

The following toasts on the list were not responded to owing to the absence of the speakers: "The City of Albany," Mayor John Boyd Thacher; "Education and Citizenship," Mr. Seymour VanSantvoord; "The Legislature," Senator Myer Nussbaum.

Election of Officers.

The annual business meeting of the Association was held previous to the banquet. After the adoption of the minutes of the last meeting the chair appointed Messrs. Angle, DeRemer, Fiero, Sherwood and Rockwell as a committee to nominate officers. The committee reported as follows:

President, W. D. Rudd; vice president, Seymour Van Sandvoord; secretary and treasurer, C. F. Bridge; executive committee, L. H. Rockwell, W. J. Hillis, W. H. Murray, G. M. Inglesbee, the Hon. C. E. Patterson, Charles M. Culver, A. J. Thomson, Dow Beekman, Augustus Sherman, R. B. Fish, Fred E. Carroll. The report was adopted and the meeting adjourned.

The Trustees' Meeting.

The Board of Trustees of Union College held a meeting in Albany the day of the banquet and in that meeting Mayor John Boyd Thacher and Dr. VanderVeer of the Medical College appeared and read the report of the meeting of Albanians held the Saturday previous. They also presented the resolutions adopted at that meeting, but as they had no proposition to make in regard to removing the college they were excused.

John L. Simpson, '88, has been appointed postal-clerk at the local post-office.

Resolutions of the Schenectady Alumni.

The Alumni of Schenectady evidently intended to have a few words to say concerning the matter of the removal of the college to Albany. A meeting was held on January 27 and a committee was appointed to draw up resolutions expressing the sentiment of the meeting, and that committee reported as follows:

"Whereas, The question of removing Union College to the city of Albany has again been brought to public notice and efforts are being made by some of the people of Albany to procure such removal, and

"Whereas, The main ground for removal, which is presented by its advocates, is the benefit and advantage that will result therefrom to the city of Albany, with little, if any, regard to the true interests of the college.

"Resolved, That while we regard such removal, using the language of one of the speakers at the meeting held at Albany on last Saturday night, to be "only a dream and castle in the air," and have no fears or apprehensions of a deplorable misfortune to the institution which we love and revere, it is the duty of the alumni of the college, and particularly that of those residing in this city, to protest against such a proposition and oppose the same by all the means within their power, for the following reasons:

'1st, The bare discussion of the question, by creating false impressions in reference to the want of success of the college, will result in injury to the college.

"2d. Such removal would be, and the bare agitation is, detrimental to the interests of the college. So far from being moribund, as charged by one of the speakers at Saturday's meeting in Albany, the college is in a prosperous condition; the number of students has increased annually for a number of years, its income has been largely increased; its large property on Long Island city, the holding of which for years was only an expense to the college, is now yielding an income and becoming more valuable every year.

"It is this dawning prosperity and assurance of success which, in our judgment, has excited the greedy and grasping spirit of those who are now agitating this question.

"But the most valuable of its possessions is the reverence, affection and attachment of its alumni, based upon the associations and memories of college life. These are inseparable from the old gray walls, the campus and the surroundings of our Alma Mater.

"Removing the college to Albany would destroy all these and the reverence and love of the alumni would exist no longer. They would take no interest in the new Albany institution, although it should assume the revered name of their Alma Mater.

"3d. The college was established at Schenectady by the voluntary contributions of liberal-minded citizens, more than one hundred years ago, in spite of the opposing efforts of the city of Albany. She has won well merited honor and esteem through the men whom she has graduated. The removal now, without need or necessity, would be inequitable and unjust to the citizens of Schenectady."

The Day of Prayer.

The Day of Prayer for colleges, Thursday, January 30th, was fittingly celebrated in the chapel by morning and afternoon services, the former being conducted by President Raymond and the latter by Frank A. Kellar, Yale '92, formerly of the Students' Volunteer movement. Both services were largely attended and thoroughly enjoyable in the highest sense of the word.

The sermon preached by Dr. Raymond at the morning service, was one that will be long remembered and felt by all who heard it. In its power and eloquence it was well calculated to influence to better living and to higher aims, undergraduate and alumni alike. The text was found in the first Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, III., 9, "*For we are laborers together with God*". Being a laborer together with God, man should aim at all that is true and good. That alone will stand and when man's work is made manifest, that which is wood, hay, stubble, —false and untrue—will be swept away. Men may often think that the fruits of deceit and dishonesty are of lasting benefit, and so it may appear for a time—but who can hope to escape the final judgment? God's laws are irrevocable. The house that is built without due regard to these laws in Nature, will fall, and as surely will fall the man who disregards them in his spiritual being.

The whole sermon, in fact, was a plea for absolute truth of purpose, in every word and deed of our daily lives.

The Armstrong Endowment.

In our last issue brief mention was made of the bequest made the college by the late Thomas Armstrong of Plattsburgh, N. Y., and that the will had been contested by his son, Thomas Armstrong, jr. We were unable at the time however to give more than the merest facts of the matter. The whole estate, variously estimated at between \$200,000 and \$300,000, having been left to the college, the full importance of the matter can be estimated, and the greatest interest will await the outcome.

As far back as 1890 the late Mr. Armstrong deeded a valuable portion of his property to the college. This, as itemized in the deed, comprised four large parcels of land in the village of Plattsburgh, together with the business blocks situated on said land, to be held by the Trustees of the college forever. The income from this property, not used in its maintenance, was to be applied to the support in the college of a Professorship of Political Economy and Social Science. The residue was to be invested in scholarships for the support of the students in the college, the sons of farmers or workingmen of Clinton County. By another deed made in 1891, after providing for an annuity of \$1000 to be paid his wife, Deborah L. Armstrong, during her natural life, more valuable lands and business blocks in the village of Plattsburgh are conveyed to the college. These two deeds are now in the possession of the college authorities, and are virtually safe from litigation.

Not satisfied with this, on March 9, 1893, Mr. Armstrong executed his last will and testament, in which the college was given almost the entire estate. After providing for a few minor details concerning the settlement of private affairs, the will continues:

"I devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate real and personal to the Trustees of Union College in the city of Schenectady, state of New York, in trust forever for the following uses and purposes:—To pay out of the rents and profits of said estate to the Albany Law School as follows:—To the student of said school who shall produce the best thesis upon

the subject, 'What, if any, constitutional or statutory changes are required to more effectually establish and enforce just and equitable laws in this State,' the sum of seventy-five dollars. To the student of said school who shall produce the second best thesis on said subject the sum of fifty dollars. To the student who shall produce the third best thesis upon said subject the sum of twenty-five dollars."

Generous provisions were also made for prizes and scholarships for the academic department of the university.

A second will was executed May 15, 1895, which apart from changing slightly the details of the prize contests at the Law School, does not conflict in any manner with the former instrument. Special mention, however, is made of any property not devised and held under the will and making Hon. J. S. Landon and President Raymond the residuary legatees. In both wills, the desire is expressed that a portion of the funds be applied to the objects of the donation by deed, namely the professorship in Political Economy and Social Science. The testator was especially generous though in the matter of scholarships. The number of annual scholarships of \$200 each provided by the deeds and wills is reckoned as high as twenty-eight.

On January 20th the two wills were presented for probate in Clinton County by the legal representatives of the college, but this action was promptly opposed by Messrs. Weeds, Smith & Conway who appeared on behalf of T. Emmett Armstrong, the son of deceased. As a result, proceedings are now pending.

Senior Class Banquet.

At a meeting of the Senior Class on January 31st, a committee composed of Beattie, Rowe and Twiford was appointed to make arrangements for a class banquet. The committee has reported that the banquet will be held at the Edison Hotel on Thursday evening, February 20, and a rousing good time is anticipated. The Senior Class Song, which is to be written to the tune of "Down to Wiencke's we will go," will be ready at that time.

The Junior Class Banquet.

On Friday evening, February 7th, the Junior Class held their annual banquet. At 10:30 o'clock about twenty-five members of the class assembled at the Edison Hotel where it has been customary to hold these banquets every year since the organization of the class in the fall of '93. It is needless to say that this season's banquet was as great a success as those held in former years. Everything which has come under the management of the class of '97 has been a great success and the banquet last Friday evening was no exception to the general rule.

Mr. Brown, proprietor of the hotel, made every arrangement that would add to its success, and gave special attention to the menu which was excellent.

Mr. Monte J. Multer acted as toastmaster and in every respect was equal to the occasion. The toasts were responded to with great enthusiasm and numerous stories were told which added to the evenings entertainment. The following is the list of set toasts:

TOASTMASTER,	-	-	-	MONTE J. MULTER.
OLD UNION,	-	-	-	HIRAM C. TODD.
'97's PAST,	-	-	-	PAUL CANFIELD.
"DORP,"	-	-	-	JAMES WINGATE.
THE FACULTY,	-	-	-	ORLANDO B. PERSHING.
THE JUNIOR HOPS,	-	-	-	H. H. BROWN.
OUR FRIENDLY FAIR ONES,	-	-	-	F. PACKARD PALMER.
THE CAPITOL CITY,	-	-	-	HENRY AUGUSTUS FREY.
UNION'S ATHLETES,	-	-	-	CHARLES SULLIVAN.
'97's FUTURE,	-	-	-	HUBBELL ROBINSON.

The menu was as follows:

	Consomme Soup.	
Lettuce.	Olives.	Celery.
	Baked Pike with Salt Pork.	
	Potatoes a la Duches.	
	Roast Chicken.	
Mashed Potatoes.		Yellow Beans.
	Lemon Sherbet.	
	Fillet of Beef with Champignons.	
Baked Sweet Potatoes.		Asparagus Tips.
	Orange Pudding, Whipped Cream.	
	Chocolate Ice Cream.	
Golden Cake.	Silver Cake.	Chocolate Cake.
	Florida Oranges.	Apples.
Bananas.	Assorted Nuts.	Raisins.
	Domestic, Edam, Pineapple Cheese.	
	Water Crackers.	
	Coffee.	

The Shakespeare Club.

One of the signs of prosperity and growth in a college is the revival of interest in its literary organizations. We read in this issue of the work to be accomplished by our athletic clubs, fencing, boxing &c., and we are happy to note the success of the first two meetings of the Shakespeare Club.

The second meeting of the club was held Wednesday evening, February 5th, and in accordance with a previous announcement Professor Edwards delivered his lecture on a Sanskrit play. His treatment included the probable origin and extent of the Hindoo drama, including in detail the principle customs and characteristics of the cast. A Hindoo play not infrequently lasted fourteen hours. As an illustration of the style of the Hindoo dramatists Prof. Edwards gave selections from "Shahientala" or the "Recovered Ring" by Kalidasa. The novelty of the subject, together with the excellent delivery, lent additional interest and all the members of the club are very grateful to Prof. Edwards for the favor conferred.

During the remainder of the course the following subjects will be treated: "How to study a Shakespearean Character," by Dr. Truax; "Henry Irving as a Shakespearean Critic," Prof. Opdyke; "A Shakespearean Play," Prof. Buck; and Henry VIII. will be studied and discussed by the members before the close of the term.

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Four A. M.

Sung to the Air of "Serenade" in U. C. Song Book.

I arise from dreams of thee,
In the sweet and silent night,
How I wish to near you be—
Never go from your dear sight.
The moon is getting low,
The stars are fading fast;
But I shall ne'er forget you, dear,
My darling little lass.—E. G. K., '99.

The New Captains.

The track athletic and base-ball teams have elected captains. Z. L. Myers, '96, has been chosen to direct track work, and Chas. Sullivan, '97, base-ball. The record of both of these men on the athletic field has been such as to make them eminently fitted for their respective positions. Besides being athletes they are both students of excellent standing in their classes; they represent the highest standard of athletics because they show that with it can be combined the work of the student.

Mr. Z. L. Myers entered with the class of '96 and has ever been an enthusiastic class as well as college man. He was President of his class during the Sophomore year and has served on various committees. In literary and oratorical work he has always taken an active interest; last commencement he was a member of the Adelpic's debating team in the Allison-Foote contest.

In athletics it would be hard to say where he has made the best showing; for on the track, in the gymnasium and on the grid-iron he has always stood at the front. For three years, at the mid-winter meet, he has won the position of college athlete; he holds the Union record for the hammer throw and high kick; for two years he has captained the team in the meet with Cooperstown; he has also been a member of his class base-ball team. His fame in foot-ball is too well known to need recounting; for four years he has been a member of the team playing at end, full-back and half-back. While playing at end during his Freshman year, there was not a gain made around him. His record in all departments is certainly exceptional and the track-team is to be congratulated for having elected such a captain.

Though Mr. Sullivan has confined his athletic efforts to base-ball, he has nevertheless made an enviable record. He, too, entered with the class of '96 but was obliged to leave college for a year, thus causing him to drop back to '97, in which he is a member of the engineering course. He has already played three years on the base-ball team as catcher and short-stop and by his work has gained the confidence of players and students. He knows all about base-ball so that the team could not be better captained.

Cooperstown Wins by a Small Margin.

The dual meet between the Cooperstown and Union teams at Cooperstown last Friday evening was won by the former team by only four points, the final score being 1334 to 1330. A good crowd greeted the contestants, and the Union boys have nothing but praise for the manner in which they were treated by the Cooperstown people. There were no unpleasant features of any description, and everything went off in a smooth manner.

The contest proved to be highly exciting, and it was not until the last man had failed on the high kick that the result was at all certain. Taylor and Bowers did most of the work for Cooperstown, while Captain Myers and Hinman did the best for Union. Three college records out of four were broken—Myers in the shot-put of 40 ft. 5 in., the high kick of 8 ft. 11 in., and Hinman in the fence vault of 6 ft. 5 in. Captain Myers also lead in the total number of points, being seconded by Taylor. The tabulated score is as follows:

	R. H. Jump.	Putting Shot.	Fence Vault.	R. H. Kick.	Totals.
	Ft. In.	Ft. In.	Ft. In.	Ft. In.	Pts.
COOPERSTOWN.					
J. W. Taylor, Captain,	5-3	41-0	6-2	8-11	324
S. D. Bowers,	5-7	32-7	6-6	8-6	308
G. Black,	5-0	32-3	6-0	8-1	251
E. L. Tucker,	4-9	26-11	6-0	8-6	227
W. F. Martin,	4-8	29-10	5-11	8-2	224
Total,	-	-	-	-	1334
UNION COLLEGE.					
Z. L. Myers, '96,	5-3	40-5	6-3	8-11	325
M. A. Twiford, '96,	5-2	32-8	5-8	8-0	247
D. H. Deyoe, '98,	4-9	28-1	6-2	8-3	232
W. L. Fisher, '98,	4-10	29-10	6-4	8-6	255
H. J. Hinman, '99	5-1	32-0	6-5	8-2	271
Total,	-	-	-	-	1330

Fencing and Boxing Clubs.

The Fencing and Boxing Clubs reorganized last week with enough members to insure an interesting season. The latter enrolled twenty-nine men, and elected for President, Terry, '96; vice president, Myers, '96; secretary and treasurer, Clowe, '96. The Fencing Club officers are as follows: President, Beckwith, '96; secretary and treasurer, Anthony, '96; steward, Vrooman, '98; the membership numbers seventeen.

Base-Ball Prospects.

The prospects for a good base-ball season are excellent. Last Thursday Chas. A. Sullivan '97, who played short stop very acceptably on the team last year, was elected Captain. At the meeting of the Athletic Board the same evening the election was ratified, and George Williams, '97, one of the three candidates selected by the undergraduates, was chosen as scorer. The team will soon go into light training in the gymnasium, but will go home for their Easter vacation. It has not been decided whether or not to have a training table. There are 27 men registered, of whom Beattie, '96, Sullivan, '97, Parsons, '98, Preston, '98, and Quinlan, '97, Medical, played on the team last year. The freshman candidates are: Cook, McLean, Gambee, Bradt, Steinert, Hall, Hegeman. A southern trip will probably be arranged for the middle of April.

The schedule so far is as follows: April 24, Hobart at Geneva; April 25, Cornell at Ithaca; April 29, University of Vermont on Campus; May 9, West Point at West Point; May 11-12, Middlebury, two games on the Campus; May 16, DeGarmo Institute, Campus; May 30, Manhattan at Albany; June 6, Rutgers on Campus; June 10, Dartmouth at Hanover; June 11-12, University of Vermont, two games at Burlington, Vt.; June 13, Middlebury at Middlebury. Hopes are entertained of games with University of Pennsylvania, Fordham, Amherst, and a return game with Rutgers. There will also be games with the Laureates, Ridgefield A. C. and R. P. I.

The College Hero.

OF THE PAST—OF THE FUTURE.

In days of old, when knights were bold,
And of college heroes we've been told,
We found in all that there were three classes,
Which each, the other, at times surpasses.
In the fall of the year the hero was he
Who had broken his arm or wrenched his knee;
Who walked on crutches with one eye black,
And suffered slightly from a broken back.
The man whose muscles were hard and set,

Used to the pounding he must get
On the foot-ball field, where he spent his life
In an ever-increasing physical strife.
We doffed our hats as he passed us by,
And gazed on him with admiring eye.
The foot-ball man in days of old
Was a hero great and a warrior bold.
Then, following him in close contact,
Came the man whose every finger was cracked
From having collided with a "red hot liner,"
In some unfortunate, unheard of manner.
Then, we thought the man who could field a ball
Was a hero true and an all in all,
And we willingly worshipped at his shrine,
For the base-ball man *was* a hero divine.
And following him with steady pace,
Came the third contestant in our hero race;
With form so lithe, he touches the earth,
And rebounds with a spring from mother earth.
Do you wonder at our admiration
For such a physical creation,
As he strides along with ease and grace,
And easily wins in this mighty race?
Do you ask me now, if the track athlete
Is not with honor and glory replete?

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These were the heroes of the past,
And we worshipped them from first to last;
But the body now subserves the mind,
And the mental athletes are the kind
To whom we bow our heads and say,
Ye are the heroes of to-day.

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We now will speak of and will nurture,
The college hero of the future,
The mental athlete who knows not a zero,
Demands his place as a college hero.
He holds that college is not the place
To break one's bones and scar one's face;
But that its purpose is of one kind,
To broaden man's greatest of gifts, the mind.
He advances an argument based on facts
That withstands an eleven's repeated attacks;
He asks a base-ball man, willing to serve,
If in this plate girder, he's "on to" the curve?
And advances a philosophical theory
That would make our swiftest runner weary.
Not finding any able to cope,
With a knowledge of such a phenomenal scope,
He proudly and rightly demands first place
In this twentieth century hero race;
And we who have loved to see physical strain,
Transfer our affection from muscle to brain.
We crown him the hero of heroes and say,
The mental athlete has won the day,

R. B. BEATTIE, '96.

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THE SOPHOMORE soiree, which is to be held Friday at the Van Curler, should be attended by every one in college who cares for society. It

will be one of the best ever given at Union, and if one really wants a good time, here is a chance to get it. A person gets more than one might imagine from attending such a gathering, and its influence is one that remains long after the affair is over.

Do NOT fail to notice the announcement in "Among the Magazines" of the prize of \$125 that is offered by *The Bachelor of Arts* for the best short story written by an undergraduate about college life. Union should be represented in this competition for there is a chance for all.

THE ALUMNI will see that their department has again dwindled down into almost nothing and take the hint suggested. Do not hesitate to send any items of interest, either about yourself or any other alumnus, for you do not know how eagerly they may be read by some Union man not in close touch with his old classmates.

IN OUR last issue we had a short editorial on the plan of an undergraduate banquet. After some thought we have come to the conclusion that the scheme which is now being carried out, of each class having a banquet of its own is just as good a one. An undergraduate banquet of course has a great advantage in bringing all the members of that body into a closer relationship, but it fails to mature in a very great degree the spirit that should be present in every college. Class banquets stir up the student more and develop in him the class spirit which must exist. It is only through class spirit that college spirit is aroused, and a college is worse than useless if it has not the latter. The Seniors and Juniors have set a good example, and it now remains for the Sophomores and Freshmen to follow suit. We hope before long to hear from them.

WHAT has become of the New York State Oratorical League? Union has a number of men preparing for the preliminary contest, which will be held to choose her representative, but as yet we have not heard a word concerning the League, when or where the intercollegiate contest is to be held, or, in fact, anything that bears at all upon the subject. The organization is a good one, it has noble purposes in view and it should not be allowed to die. The officers, whoever they may be, should take some interest in the matter, for it is high time that plans were perfected for the con.

test between the colleges of the League. Last year the contest was held at Union, and it aroused lots of enthusiasm. Union's representative won, and we can win again this year, but we all wish to see a close and exciting contest. We would suggest that the Union representative on the executive committee stir the thing up a little and see if some life cannot be put into the League.

The Day of Prayer for colleges has now come to be a universally recognized institution in all the colleges and institutions of learning throughout the land. They do not all observe the same day, but most of them are united on the last Thursday in January. There are different exercises in the various colleges, but in all the central thought is a day set apart for thanksgiving and prayer. The significance of this observance is great. College men of to-day are to be the leaders to-morrow in all departments of human society; and the fact that they have set apart one special day for religious thought and united prayer, indicates that a stronger and higher religious life is beginning for the college. And this means that when the leaders are on a higher moral and religious plane, the followers are sure to be. We are glad that Union observes the day so thoroughly, and that so many of the students take such an active interest in all the services.

THERE is one thing that must be understood, and that at once—the men in college have got to wake up and exert every effort in order to put good teams in the field, or athletics at Union are going to be very much injured. The faculty has made a ruling debarring men who are not up in their work from playing on athletic teams—yet, but what of that? That is no reason why every athlete and every man in college should lose all interest in athletics. Instead, it should encourage every one to do more than he has ever done before to develop strong teams. What would our sister colleges say if they heard that Union in the future was to have no athletic teams? They would say, "The faculty ruling which barred professionals and men who could not keep up their college work has killed athletics at Union. It is a good thing, too, if she cannot run her teams on a strictly amateur basis." This criticism, of course, would be advanced, but *that is not the case at all*. Union College teams have always been representative undergraduate teams, but if we are not to let athletics go to the ground, it surely looks as if something were wrong. We cannot afford to put

ourselves in a position where such a suspicion could be advanced, and in order to preserve our past record and insure that of the future, we must strain every nerve to send out this coming season teams unrivaled in the history of the college. It rests with the students and athletes whether this is to be the case.

Here and There.

OUR POETS.

Who says poetry is dead? 'Tis false! Hence, idle thought! Yet those who believe that such a dire calamity has befallen our race read what follows and take heart again. Let England turn from her sad wailing that there are no laureates and "cheer up". A mighty phalanx of Alfred Austins are now in embryo in our midst.

For six months THE CONCORDIENSIS has been receiving contributions of a more or less poetic nature, and has only waited an opportune time at which to give them to the public. Various have been the themes; some of them lofty while others have been of a more commonplace nature; yet all are treated with equal merit. Of course athletics received attention, for that appeals first to the college man's heart. But the author of the following seems to love better the terpsichorean sport. Thus he sings:

"I cannot throw the hammer,
Nor ride the fleeting wheel,
But when the band begins to play,
How I do love to spiel".

By request the name of the contributor is withheld.

To another, fancy gives the following inspiration which is entitled, "Sad":

"A little boy and little girl
On ice so very thin,
An air-hole strike in onward whirl;
A plunge—! Heavenly Twins."

And at a different date the same poet writes concerning the same theme.

Two little boy-e-os,
Two little spin-e-os,
Very thin ice-e-o,
Heavenly twin-e-os.

To this sweet singer the muses seem to delegate the immortalizing of accidents; listen to the soft, rhythmic measures of this:

Gentleman
Banana peel
Dull thud
Virginia reel.

Beautiful as the above may be, we still think that the one whom the gods moved to write "As to Bloomers" must bear away the palm.

Mother earth now grown antique,
Looks on with a blushing chique,
At maids petite,
In bloomers neat,
Riding bikes along the street.
While men are mique
And seldom spique,

But turn around and look a wique.

And Union has also her cheese poet. Such an inspiring theme could not possibly be passed by; and this has roused one poetic soul at least.

"In Union there is strength"

Some poet said at length:

And he was right for Union is the cheese.

Occasionally some one aspires to write a companion piece to the product of some older poet's pen. We would not take time to compare the two, but will merely quote this new "Psalm of Life".

Deeds of some men oft remind us,
We can by them our improve,
And before there grows upon us
Bigger patches on our pants.
On our pants once new and creased,
All our payments now have ceased,
All because our money we lose
And refuse to pay our dues.
Let us then be up and doing,
Pay our debts however small,
Else when comes the Sophomore Soiree
We may have no pants at all.

There is one more poem that we are sure will bear careful study. It is filled with *shy* humor; and *hidden* in its lines are thoughts that betoken no common mind. It is seldom that a great epic is written of college life; but here is one devoted to a particular class, "The Midnight Hymn to the Freshman"; would that some genius would set this hymn to music. How the poet draws tears to the eyes with his pathetic touches, then rises suddenly to the sublime; or again shrieks forth some terrible line as he hails the "bloody Soph".

Hast thou the charm to stay the reckless Soph.
On his wild career?—so long as he seems to pause
On thy weak, trembling nerve, O softish Frosh!

O terror bold; at length thou sayest Frosh!
As from a tomb! But when I think of it,
It is thy calm command, thy crystal rind.
Oh dread and fiendish Soph! I gazed upon thee
Till thou, still raging at my absent sense,
Didst pounce upon poor me: entranced in fear
I longed for a mother's care,
Thou, the meanwhile wast carrying in thy hands,
Yea, in thy hands, the idol's own sweet coat,—
Till at it's verry feet, cold, lifeless,
At its sacred Trilbys, I, a freshman, knelt down.
Awake, ye Frosh! not only silent pray
Thou owest—not alone these swelling tears,
Kind reverence, and secret vows. Arise,
Frosh from thy knees! arise, on feet, arise!
Oh, when the job is done, or when they go:
Freshman of the coming year at fall,
Thyself, Soph's rosey pet, and of thy neror
Be still! cease, oh cease! and utter naught.

Thus the editor sees all the new things; and he is only sorry that there is not as much room in the paper as in the waste basket, so that the former might receive its share.

An Appeal.

The wind bloweth,
The water floweth,
The subscriber oweth,
And the Lord knoweth
We are in need of our dues.—Ex.

Note.—The above hits our case exactly.

Obituary.

Rev. John Newmann, D. D., died at his home in Des Moines, Iowa, Monday, Jan. 27th, at the advanced age of 85 years. Dr. Newmann was born on the old Newmann homestead in the town of Perth and passed his childhood there. He was distinctly a self-made man, and bravely overcame all obstacles in the way of obtaining a college education. While still a young man he attained and held for years the position of Professor of Mathematics at Union, and in later life was for some years at the head of the school at Poultney, Vt. His life-work was nobly done and he left a well earned record for good deeds.

Personal and Local.

Roselle, '99, has left college.

Bonesteel, '99, is on the sick list.

Bray, '99, spent Sunday at his home in Kingston.

Medbery, '99, spent Sunday at his home in Ballston Spa.

Guernsey, '96, was absent from college a few days last week.

Wilson '99 has left college for a few days on account of illness.

The guitar club was photographed at Talbot's, February 5.

Haviland, '98, spent a few days last week at his home in Glens Falls.

Wm. Miles, of Poughkeepsie, spent Sunday with his son, F. Miles, '99.

Sawyer, '99, spent last Saturday and Sunday at his home in Sandy Hill.

Barbour, '99, who has been ill at his home in Ogdensburgh, has returned to college.

Beattie, '96, is filling the position of basso in the choir of the Congregational church.

Rev. Dr. McKenzie, of Cambridge, Mass., conducted the chapel services last Friday.

Duryea B. Eldridge, '95, has been appointed principal of the public school at Altamont.

President Raymond attended a reception given by the Albani Club of Albany last Monday.

Beattie, '96, spent Sunday, January 26, with Ex-Senator Harvey J. Donaldson at Ballston.

Willis, Ex '97, who is stationed at Canajoharie, on the canal survey, was in town Jan. 25.

L. C. Baker, '95, on his return from New York, spent a few days with friends on the hill.

Richards, '98, has entered upon a course in chemistry at the Case School of Applied Science.

Brown, '99, after an extended attack of the fever, has returned to college and is again doing his work.

Miss Bessie Bradford, of Broadalbin, spent Sunday, January 26, with her brothers, Ralph, '98 and LeRoy, '99.

R. S. Greenman, '96, has received an appointment on the canal, and will be stationed at or near Syracuse.

In looking over the catalogue we find that the date for the registration of candidates for

commencement prizes is the first Monday in February, which is the 3d. We have seen no bulletin announcement concerning it as yet.

W. G. Brown, '95, has been spending a few days on the hill. He is taking a course at the Albany Law School.

Dr. George Furbeck, '92, has removed from Cohoes and entered into partnership with his father at Amsterdam.

Among the '95 men who were at the Alumni banquet in Albany, January 28, were Pember-ton, Borst and McEwan.

President Raymond delivered an address on "Higher Education" before the students of the Auburn High School last week.

The mandolin club was entertained one evening last week at the home of Mrs. Landon, cor. of Nott Terrace and Union St.

Dr. W. T. Clute, '73, and Dr. H. V. Mynderse, '84, were delegates to the convention of the State Medical Society at Albany, Jan. 28.

Young, '96, Pollock, '96 and Mattison, '98, were among the speakers at the Day of Prayer services at 1st. Presbyterian church, January 30.

President Raymond will deliver an address at the 13th annual convention of the New York State Y. M. C. A., to be held at Newburgh, Feb. 20-23.

The mandolin club rendered the following selections at a social held at the 1st Reformed church last Tuesday night: "King Cotton March," "Sweet and Low" and "High School Cadets March."

The committee of the faculty have decided to postpone the joint debate between the Philomathean and Adelpic societies until May 29. The preliminary contests to choose the debaters will be held sometime in March.

At the mid-winter meet of the Union Classical Institute, held at the Centre street Opera House January 29, the following Union men acted as officials: Starter, Kilpatrick, '98; judges, Lyon Ex-'99 and Cregan, '99; timer, Sommer, '98.

The midwinter meet is expected to be held about March 13. One of the attractive features will be boxing for points by the different classes. The large number who are entering upon practice is a fair prediction of a most successful meet.

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G. F. Mosher, '92, has been visiting his brother, Prof. Mosher, for quite a time. Mr. Mosher is now in the Berkeley Divinity School at Middletown, Conn., from which he takes his degree and is ordained a deacon in the Episcopal church in June. Next fall he expects to go as a missionary to China.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Republican club was held last Monday afternoon. The following officers were elected: President, R. S. Greenman, '96; vice-president, E. E. Draper, '97; treasurer, R. B. Beattie, '96; secretary, G. A. Holcombe, '98; executive committee, R. B. Rowe, '96; J. S. Cotton, '97, and E. H. Rodgers, '98.

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Mr. Bowman, a graduate of Columbia, a prominent Metropolitan athlete and a member of the New York Athletic Club, who is now studying at the Edison works, has kindly consented to give the Union men some points in athletics.

Among the undergraduates present at the Alumni dinner in Albany on January 28, were Derby, '96, Beattie, '96, Terry, '96, Gillespie, '96, Twiford, '96, Hild, '98, Sylvester, '98, Baker, '98, Johnson, '98, McKeefe, '98, Medbery, '99, Greene, '99 and Kellog, '99.

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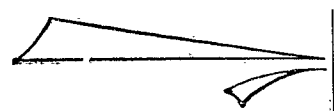
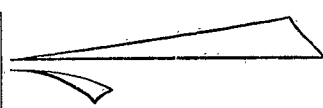
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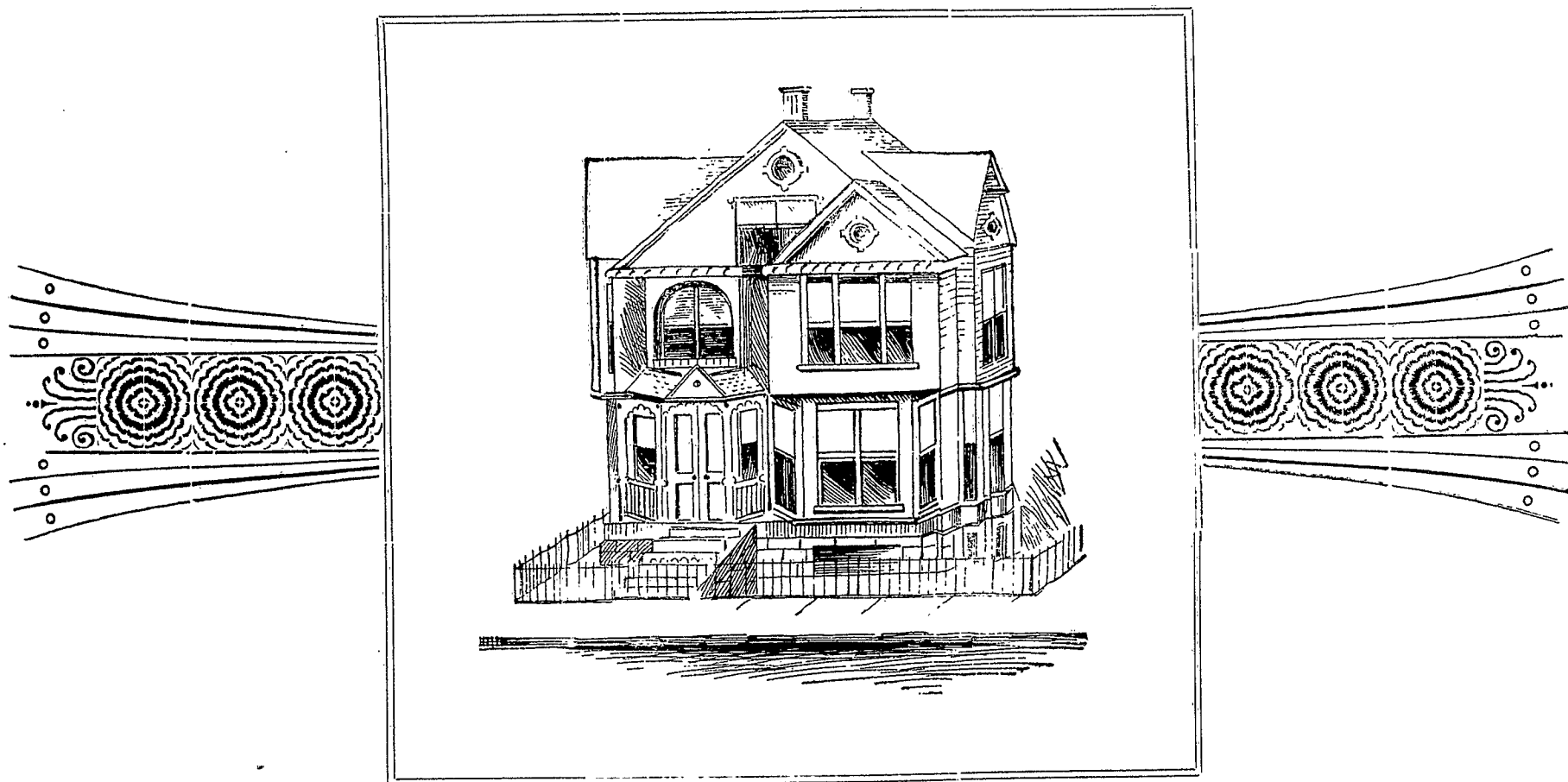
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