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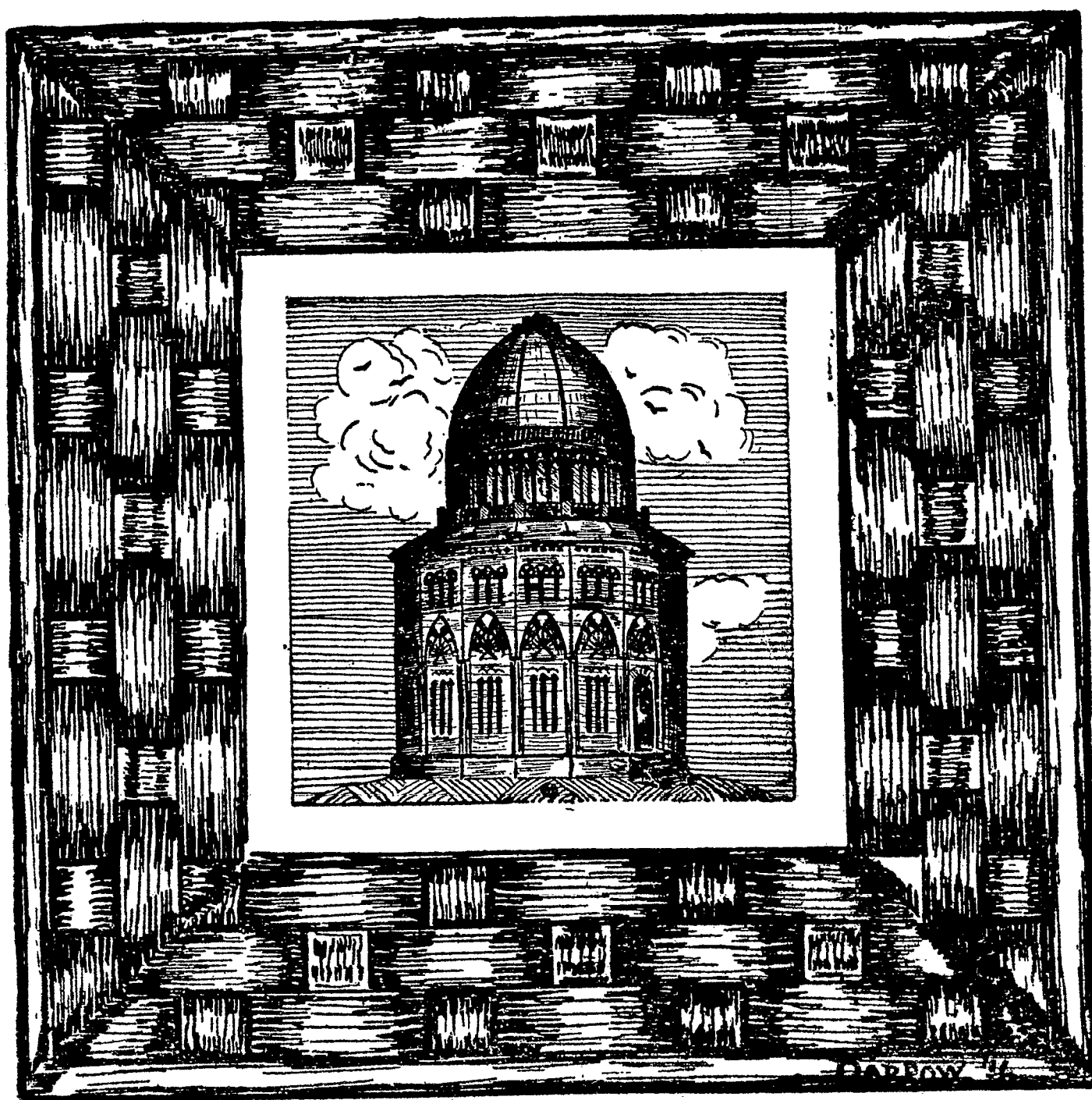
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SAINT LAWRENCE DEFEATED

29—20.

Union defeated St. Lawrence here last Saturday night by a score of 29 to 20. For the first time in at least two years the team was minus the Beavers throughout the entire game. In their places Mudge, Scoby and Girling played. This quintet displayed not at all the brilliancy, the dash, or the confidence which the team has shown with the Beavers in the line-up, but it must be remembered that this game was the first in which the new five have worked together, and a steady improvement may be expected from practice and increasing familiarity with each other's style of play. It may be doubted if the Union team will for the remainder of the season play as good basketball as formerly. But certainly we shall have no cause to be disappointed with the team which we may be sure will put every ounce of the best it has into every game.

Saturday's game was a queer mixture of fast and slow playing. St. Lawrence certainly equalled if it did not excel Union in the first half, which ended with a tie score—7 to 7. Every point in this half for Union was secured by Captain Houghton, who played brilliantly throughout—scoring 19 of the final 29 points. There was a lot of loose passing in the first half and some wild shooting.

In the second period the home team seemed to get started and showed continuous streaks of fast playing which had been

decidedly intermittent in the first. Mudge took Scoby's place at right forward in this half. The most favorable sign about the whole game was the fact that the team did not slow down in the second half, as they have done hitherto this season, but rather got up more steam and speed as the game proceeded. The game was remarkable for the number of fouls called on either side.

St. Lawrence's style of play was rather puzzling to Union at first. The up-staters instead of throwing the ball away fast would hold it while manoeuvring for a free man. Instead of charging down on them, the Garnet men hung back and let them take their time. In the second period, evidently "jacked up" by Fred Dawson, different tactics of musing up the plays instead of leaving the ball unhampered in some opponent's hands, got better results.

Captain Wheeler played the best basketball for St. Lawrence, with good floor work and shifty passing.

For five minutes after the tip-off St. Lawrence kept the ball almost continually in its own hands. In this time they managed to run up a number of fouls, two of which Houghton basketed successfully. Captain Wheeled worked the ball down the floor and dropped the ball into the hoop for the first field goal of the game. A few minutes later Clement wafted a long shot from the middle of the court right through the little iron ring. The score stood St. Lawrnece 4, Union 2—St. Lawrence's points all on field goals, Union's through fouls. The

next few minutes was simply a tempest of fouls, none of which was pocketed by the opposing captains. Right here Teedy Woods, Houghton and Girling began to come through with fast floor work and passing. St. Lawrence scored 3 points on fouls and Union two more. St. Lawrence had the ball most of the time and was showing clever passing. Then Houghton scored a field goal, shortly afterwards a foul, and the score stood St. Lawrence 7, Union 7, as the whistle blew for the end of the period.

After Morgan caged a field goal, Union braced. Houghton put his team ahead with three fouls in succession and Joe Haubner came through with a field goal. Griswold scored a field goal, and Houghton made two more points on a double foul called on Clement. A foul for St. Lawrence made the score Union 14, St. Lawrence 13, and then Captain Erny pulled the most spectacular play of the game. On the run from beyond the middle of the court he shot the ball on a long parabola that nestled sweetly within the basket's rim without a quiver. In quick succession Joe Haubner and Clement scored field goals, followed by promiscuous fouls. Mudge shot another basket closely followed by Haubner who took the ball away from an opposing guard and slipped it into the net before the honest gentleman knew he had lost it. Union was playing faster, with good teamwork and less wild passing, while the up-staters were beginning to drag a little in the running.

Soon Teedy inveigled the ball into the coveted circumference, and right here the team showed its best work. After a number of fouls on either side—Occie exercised the whistle liberally—some nice passwork, Girling to Woods to Houghton to the basket, scored Union's last goal. Shortly afterwards, Morgan deposited St. Lawrence's last tally and the score was Union 29, St. Lawrence 20.

The score:

ST. LAWRENCE.

	F.B.	F.P.	T.P.
Noble, r.f. -----	0	0	0
Griswold, l.f. -----	2	0	4
Clements, c. -----	1	0	2
McGinnis, c. -----	0	0	0
Morgan, r.g. -----	2	0	4
Wheeler, l.f. -----	2	6	10
Totals -----	7	6	20

UNION.

	F.B.	F.P.	T.P.
Scoby, r.f. -----	0	0	0
Mudge, r.f. -----	1	0	2
Haubner, l.f. -----	3	0	6
Woods, c. -----	1	0	2
Girling, r.g. -----	0	0	0
Houghton, l.g. -----	3	13	19
Totals -----	8	13	29

Summary—Score at half time—Union, 7; St. Lawrence, 7. Fouls committed—St. Lawrence, 23; Union, 12. Referee—Kuolt, Hamilton.

THE ALLISON FOOT PRIZE DEBATE

The annual Allison-Foote prize debate between the Adelpic and Philomathean Literary Societies took place last Friday evening in the college chapel.

The decision and the one prize of fifty dollars was won by the Philomathean Society while the other fifty dollar prize for the best individual, regardless of society relations, was awarded to Avrom M. Jacobs, '16, of the Philomathean.

Resolved, That, in view of the present world-situation, the army and the navy of the United States should be increased, was the subject of the debate. Spencer B. Eddy '18, James L. Fitzgerald '15, and Raymond S. Blodgett '15, with Marvin H. King as alternate, upheld the affirmative for the Adelpics, while C. Foster Brown '16, Mil-

ton H. Sternfeld '16, and Avrom M. Jacobs '16, with J. Raphael Riley '18, as alternate, represented the Philomatheans and supported the negative side of the question.

Mr. Eddy opened the debate by defining the question and outlining the points which the affirmative proposed to establish. Mr. Fitzgerald, the second speaker for the Adelpheans, dealt with the necessity of a military and naval increase. The last speaker for the affirmative, Mr. Blodgett, considered the justice of an increase and showed how the question vitally concerns the country.

Mr. Brown, the first speaker for the Philomatheans, stated that the negative would show that the United States should continue in its present policy and that the present world situation should have nothing to do with the military policy of this nation. Mr. Sternfeld, the second speaker for the negative, dealt with the improbability of the United States becoming engaged in war, and with our duties in regard to other countries. Mr. Jacobs concluded the direct appeal by giving the economic and moral side of the question.

The rebuttal was sharp and interesting. Jacobs in his clear and forceful manner brought out many good points for the negative. Mr. Blodgett, in his refutation, undermined many of his opponent's points. Although Blodgett was unable to strengthen the affirmative's position sufficiently to win, he gave the Philomathean a close race.

David B. Page '15 and William A. Hughes '15 presided at the debate. Judge Alonzo P. Strong, Mr. G. E. Emmons, and the Rev. T. R. Good acted as judges of the award. The debate was quite well attended by both college students and others.

FIRST LEAGUE GAME WILL BE PLAYED SATURDAY.

Pennant progress will begin Saturday when the Garnet five meets Williams in Union's first game toward the flag of the

Northeastern Intercollegiate Basketball League. This game should be of interest, not only to Schenectadians but to basketball lovers of the east in general.

Although Williams was beaten by R. P. I. two weeks ago and by Springfield Y. M. C. A. last Saturday it will not be in the least safe to call her an easy opponent for the Union bunch. In the Springfield Y. M. C. A. game the Purple showed considerable class and were beaten by a single point. Moltham, the fast left guard who will probably face Houghton, starred in last Saturday's game, shooting six field baskets and holding his opponent to a single one.

Captain Hay, though faced by a clever opponent, managed to get away with three baskets. Hay, it will be remembered, was an all-eastern man last year. Langford's good guarding is also a noticeable feature of the Williams article of ball.

The dopesters are writing specifications for a fast and close game to be realized in the gymnasium Saturday and a large crowd of spectators is expected.

AN UNWELCOME GUEST.

Delta Upsilon House Robbed.

A very unwelcome guest visited the Delta Upsilon House last Monday morning between the hours of two and six and stripped the place of all small articles of value, which were readily accessible. He made a special mark of watches, bagging seven in all, and procured also several stick pins and a few dollars in cash. The total haul is estimated as somewhat exceeding the amount of \$200 in actual value. The thief entered the house through a window and confined his search for valuables to the study rooms on the second floor.

THE INNOCENT BYSTANDER.

A Responsive Chirp.

At last the Innocent Bystander has had a reply to one of his numerous chirps. But,

my dear Anti-Grind, if you were to look up "Grind" in the dictionary, neither your definition nor mine would amount to much. "Grind" is a manufactured term—you are entitled to your interpretation; I am to mine. To me, a "Grind" is one who puts study and class room work above everything else. He is one who realizes that he did not come to college primarily to sport a U on his sweater, to make trips with the glee club, to yell himself hoarse as two football teams tear each other apart. If he does do these things, it is only in nature of a relaxation, and then after his class room work is well taken care of. You seem to have taken the stand that study is only one of many college activities. So do many others, but the "Grind" does not. To him it is the "be-all and the end-all" of college. Herein, we disagree.

Your portrait of the "Grind" fiendishly chuckling at the discomfort of his classmates is interesting. By the way, why are his class-mates discomforted, and who is going to tutor these class-mates to help them remove their "sticks?" In the light of this, don't you think that he whose main object is the acquisition of knowledge has some slight use after all?

The tone of your letter shows that you have hardly grasped the purpose of the Innocent Bystander. It was his intention to present one side of a question in the hope that others like yourself would be sufficiently interested to state the other side. He hardly expected that his articles would be the meat for a venomous attack. Please grant that he is not wholly devoid of reason and that "Ignorant Bystander" is a trifle harsh to apply to one who, to use your own words, "devotes some of his time, no matter how little, to the upbuilding of something in college activity which will make college life as a whole worth while living or be of real benefit to the college."

If the Anti-Grand wishes to talk the matter over with the INNOCENT Bystander,

Editor Delchamps will furnish his name. The Innocent Bystander thinks that the Anti-Graind is treating of a person who never existed—that there never was a person who devoted absolutely all of his time to study, but only to such an individual could your definition apply. The Innocent Bystander, however, has chosen to consider the more or less infrequent individual, to whom class work is the only thing of any real account to which all other things must be for all time subordinate.

College activities have had their share of prominence. Don't you think that it is about time to give the other side a few good words?

THE INNOCENT BYSTANDER.

JUNIOR WEEK PLANS BECOMING PERFECTED.

A Good Time Promised to All.

Final plans for Junior Week are now almost completed. The Prom and the Soiree on February 4 and 5 respectively promise to eclipse even the wonderful dances of last year. Chairman Brown of the junior dance committee, and Chairman Wilson of the Sophomore Soiree have made several announcements of importance concerning these two affairs.

Most of the entertainment this year will be done individually. But three of the fraternities have decided definitely to have house parties. Chi Psi expects as house guests ten charming members of the fair sex and will give a house dance on Saturday evening following the basketball game with Springfield. The Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Phi fraternities will also give house parties.

The usual Glee Club concert will be given on Friday, February 5, for the students and their Junior Week guests. On the sixth, the last day of an all too short week, the 'varsity basketball team will tackle the team from the Springfield Training School

for the entertainment of the fair guests of the college.

Every one who has charge of any part of the arrangements for Junior Week is working his hardest to make it a success. It is now actually up to the remainder of the college to get behind the various committees and lend them every aid possible. Let "surpass last year" be our motto and let us carry it out to a successful conclusion.

THIRD LECTURE IN ICHABOD SPENCER COURSE.

The subject of Dr. Palmer's third lecture, Wednesday evening, January 13, was the life and poetry of Edmund Spenser, whom the speaker described as a "poet of hypnotic charm who lulls one away from hard realities of life with fairy dreams of a world such as one might desire."

The speaker briefly reviewed the study of Chaucer as leading up to the discussion of his successor, Spenser. Chaucer was spoken of as a poet of reality, while Spenser's works represent a refuge from reality. His characters are all abstractions. In allegory, he sets forth the qualities which we desire to be in life and seeks the splendors and purity of life.

In his style, Spenser displayed the qualities of the painter and musician. He often coins words of which the reader must not inquire the meaning too closely, but rather follow the general impression conveyed by them. He borrowed and refined all the earlier forms of verse, adding the Spenserian stanza which was especially effective in producing the hypnotic effect which was the purpose of his poems.

The life of the poet was briefly described, the fact being brought out that his true worth was not known until after his death. Although his "Fairie Queen" was published at Sir Walter Raleigh's request, he never found favor with Queen Elizabeth.

FOURTH LECTURE BY. DR. PALMER ON GEORGE HERBERT.

Dr. Palmer began his lecture on the Poet Herbert by criticizing as a misnomer his popular appellation "Holy." He was in no sense "holy" but was rather a man of noble and delicate soul, constantly impelled in two directions.

Herbert was taken by the lecturer as representative of the psychological poets or as Johnson called them "metaphysical," who followed the realistic or Chaucerian type and the idealistic or Spenser type. The psychological poets showed the inner workings of man's mind. Their two main themes were love and religion. Petrarch and John Donne were pioneers in this form of poetry.

The Puritanism which taught men to know themselves as individual souls standing face to face with God was back of Herbert's poetry. The larger love of religion, the union of the life of man with the Divine life became the subject of all Herbert's poetry.

Herbert grew up under the personal influence of Donne and probably knew Shakespeare. Though he was early dedicated to priesthood he did not take holy orders until 39, three years before his death. It was during this period that he produced some of his best works. Dr. Palmer said: "Herbert's poetry responds to human needs as none other does and in him we find a palpitating soul satisfying its desire for effort and adventure in the intellectual contemplation of its relations to God." In closing, Dr. Palmer read the following poems of Herbert: "Sweet Day," "Elixir," "Sin," "Clasping of Hands."

Last evening Dr. Palmer spoke to a large and attentive audience on the Poet Pope. The lecture of this evening is on Wadsworth.

Hoffy: Mr. Brown, give an example of an imperative sentence.

Foster: Go to the Devil!

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A VITAL CONCERN.

When Woodrow Wilson issued his proclamation of neutrality, Union students were not much alarmed, but viewed the thing as a matter-of-course act by a conservative leader amid distressing conditions. Neither were the Union students much alarmed when the season's debating topic was announced as having to do primarily with the European war. But now that President Hibben of Princeton is seriously urging military training for the college man, with the establishment of summer camps all over the country to acquaint the young

college man with the details and routine of military life, it would seem as though a movement had been started wherein the college man must play a vital part.

With no undue assumption, the college man is considered a bit better than his commercially trained fellow. He is looked upon as one who has been afforded certain advantages and who is some day to play the leading part in the conduct of the nation's affairs. A college education is no longer a luxury for the boy of this generation. His grandfather's day was the day of the grammar school, his father's day was the day of the high school. But the evolution has not stopped here. Today is the day of the college. When any post is to be filled, a college man is sought; when any movement is to be started, a nucleus is sought in the colleges. It is small wonder, therefore, that a great university president should have advised the teaching of military tactics to his students. The most astonishing point is that a live spirit of opposition has crystallized so rapidly among college men. This is, however, the case. Students at Columbia have risen up in arms, though not in the sense that the military advocates desired.

The following is the text of the resolution adopted at Columbia last week: "Resolved, That we, the students of Columbia University, in mass meeting assembled, hereby go on record before Congress and the people of the United States, as opposed to militarism in general and an increase in our army and navy in particular." This resolution was carried without a dissenting vote and copies of it were forwarded to all the college publications, the Convor-

diensis included, and the support of all publications was requested.

College men are not mere bystanders in a matter such as this. They are the ones to whom all eyes would turn in case of the adoption of any measures which savor at all of militarism. Many of us believe in eugenics. All of us agree that the end is a worthy one, whether or not we believe the eugenics propaganda to be effective or practical. Nothing could be more diametrically opposed, however, than a eugenic and a militarism campaign, especially if the militarists center their attentions on the college men. Only the young, healthy, and strong are wanted in armies, and only the young healthy, and strong wage effective war and get killed for their patriotism. The eugenists would use such stock as the collegian who is both scholar and athlete, and would make him material for national greatness, and with him create coming generations to excel the people of to-day. If we would consider welfare, we must not ignore this phase of it.

Union College has a past to guide her in her present conduct. In 1861 the call for men was sounded and Union College gave forth almost her full quota of students. All that remains today are the names of Union students on the honor list of Northern or Confederate armies. Union itself has only now received the ground lost by the Civil War. We are just as patriotic as our grandfathers of '61; there was adequate cause for their doing what they did; the concensus of the competent seems to show that such cause is lacking now. We too, love our country and our flag, but we are just now coming to a real-

ization of the significance of that country and that flag.

Columbia has led the way. It will not be long before others will have followed in her wake. A special committee is issuing circulars of information replete with meaty aphorisms. Among them are these:

"To scatter gunpowder about may be a good way to get caution, but it is a sure way to get an explosion."

"The sounds of cannon drown the canons of civilization; war is the annihilation of the decalogue."

Columbia has led the way. It may be that "We all want civilization, not savagery; souls, not soldiers; brains, not battleships." Union will soon be called upon to decide just what stand she is going to take on the matter. If any such question arises, each man should vote after having carefully considered the matter in all its aspects. He should treat it in the light of an all-important consideration, not as a joke or triviality. Columbia has taken the lead against militarism in colleges. Shall Union follow?

THAT FRESHMAN BANQUET.

Now, look here, freshmen! From time immemorial and even before that, the freshman class has run off a little party for the benefit(?) of the sophomores and others. It ill befits the largest class that ever entered "Old Une-yun" to postpone the event until some time in spring. Now here's what is going to happen, according to several prominent upper-classmen. Unless the banquet comes off soon, they are going to find out all about it, tell the sophomores and spoil the whole evening's festivities. Now do you see to what extremes hungry

students will go? Far be it from us to make any suggestions, but we would strongly advise a concerted movement toward Troy in the near future. How is this for an idea. Hold the banquet in the R. P. I. gymnasium on the night of the game. All the crowd will be upstairs and then you can sneak down into the cellar and eat to your heart's content. It's a good trick if you do it. It's a good trick if you don't do it.

WHY DISCRIMINATE?

Of all games during the season we prefer to win the Hamilton game. Of all sports during the season we prefer to trim Hamilton in football. We are told that life will not be worth living unless we outplay, outcheer, and outsing Hamilton some day in November.

The Hamilton football game is history, and mighty fine history. Dust is already collecting on the 1914 football and the 1915 basketball is the cynosure of attention. Shall we go through the basketball season silently merely because we don't happen to have Hamilton on our schedule or shall we sing the boys to victory in basketball as we did in football?

There is a little institute over in Troy which Union has marked out as its particular piece de resistance this season. We have a couple of basketball games and a track meet with R. P. I. this winter, and baseball games with them in the spring. We expect to follow precedent and win a goodly number of these events. Why not prepare now the same way as we prepare for the Hamilton game? Why should we spread our spirit so thickly over one game when we have enough left to cover the

whole schedule? Why discriminate? Why not let us have some songs for the coming R. P. I. events, some popular parodies, some of that "We're-the-team-that-blacked-the-eye-of-R. P. I." sentiment which coach and students revel in, and opponents seldom enjoy. R. P. I. consists of a bunch of good sports, but that need not prevent our telling them in song and story how good we are and what is going to happen to them. Up and to arms, ye song writers! Tickle your imaginations and let the proper persons have some parodies for the R. P. I. games!

SOMETHING OF INTEREST TO UNION MEN.

A Communication.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 14, 1915.
Editor "Concordy:"

May I, through the columns of the Concordy, say a word to the student body about the conference of Eastern college men on the Christian ministry, which will be held at Hartford Seminary on March 19-21 next and to which any or all Union undergraduates are invited? This conference will be made up of men from the colleges of New England, eastern and southern New York and New Jersey. Its purpose is to present the "Christian Ministry as the Supreme Service for the Man of Today." There will be here to speak of various phases of this topic Mr. Robert E. Speer, Mr. John R. Mott, Dr. Albert Parker Fitch, Dr. John Douglas Adam—all of whom are well known as speakers to college men. In addition to these, Dr. Finley, New York State Education Commissioner, Dr. Coffin and Dr. Cadman of New York, and President Mackenzie of Hartford will be on the program. To those who have definitely decided their life work, this conference may not appeal. But there are many men on the campus who are wondering what they

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are going to do when they take their sheepskin from Prexy's hand and turn their faces out upon the world. Here is a chance to gain some light, not only on the ministry but also on the fundamental principles that may guide decisions in regard to any profession.

A deputation of men will visit Union in the near future with further details as to the purpose and scope of the conference. Meanwhile will you not keep it in mind and be ready to meet them with your questions when they arrive?

I must just add that the Union Alumni hereabout are enthusiastic over the past football season—especially over the Wesleyan game. It was a good game to watch and the score is pleasant to the memory. We are awaiting the coming of the basketball team with interest.

With best wishes for the year, I am

Very truly yours,

JAMES H. POTTER, '12.

IN DEFENSE OF THE INNOCENT BYSTANDER.

To the Editor of the Concordiensis:

There appeared in the last number of the Concordiensis an article by the Anti-Grind, whose opposition to and disgust for the Grind are only too apparent. I wish to dispute his definition of a Grind. "A Grind," he says, "is one who leaves the responsibility of all college activity to others and devotes all of his time to the pursuit of learning * * * * " In other words he declares that book learning is not a college activity. How odd and how unreasonable it is for our faculty to insist upon the acquirement of the daily assigned portion of book learning! I am quite willing to admit that book learning is not the aim and purpose of a college education, but it is surely an important part of it. A Grind, as I understand the term, is simply one who devotes all his time to study. There are

men in college, some athletes, for example, who do only enough work in their studies to stay in college. They are plugging away every moment on their athletic work. Is not the Grind doing the same thing, except that he is putting in his time on study, which is a college requirement, instead of on athletics, which is approved but not required by the college? Yet think how the athletic hero wins the applause, while the Grind gets the contempt. I do not approve of the Grind, but I have the same regard for the athlete who neglects his study as for the Grind who neglects other college activities for the sake of study. It is my belief that Anti-Grind has given an unfair and wholly one-sided aspect of the Grind. I have not tried to justify, but rather to apologize for the Grind, for verily he is no worse than many who are winning glory from their fellow students. This double standard must go.

AN ALLY OF THE INNOCENT BYSTANDER.

MUSICAL CLUBS ENJOY TRIP TO LANSINGBURG.

Two Concerts Next Week.

Last Friday the Musical Clubs journeyed to Lansingburg, where they gave a concert in the High School auditorium. The audience was comparatively small, but very appreciative, and the performance was one of the snappiest this season. This was the first appearance of Gerry Woods as leader of the Glee Club, and he surely made a good beginning. It was also the first trip this season for Phil Downs and Bone Gardner, and Phil brightened up the crowd to a great extent, for his laugh is surely contagious. The trip was uneventful, the usual bevy of pretty girls being in attendance at the dance after the performance, and the whole affair winding up with a midnight "feed" at the Essex Lunch in Troy.

Next week the clubs have a concert in

the Schenctady High School auditorium, Monday evening, and Thursday evening they give a concert in Albany.

PREXY FACES BUSY MONTH.

Doctor Richmond has a very busy month before him. On Monday, January 25, he will speak at a dinner given in Albany in honor of Robert Burns, the famous Scotch poet. On January 26 he will attend the January meeting of the Board of Trustees of Union College. On Sunday, January 31, he will preach at Emma Willard School in Troy. He will attend a dinner given by the alumni of the University of Vermont on February 2 at the Mohawk Golf Club. On Saturday, February 13, there will be a dinner given in Rochester by the alumni of Union College and Doctor Richmond will speak at the dinner. On Tuesday, February 16, he will attend a dinner given by the Elmira Alumni Association.

A COMMUNICATION.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 6, 1915.

Editor Concordiensis:

Dear Sir:—Kindly insert the following for the benefit of your readers, in the next issue of your periodical, and oblige.

Yours respectfully,

CHAS. C. REYNOLDS,

Secretary Cremation Association of America.

The Cremation Association of America, through its executive board, has instituted a yearly competition for what will be known as the Davis-Lange medal, in honor of Dr. M. L. Davis, of Lancaster, Pa., and Mr. Louis Lange, of New York City. These gentlemen, one of whom, Dr. Davis, is still living, were the editors of "The Modern Crematist" and "The Urn," respectively, and did much, at the time these publications appeared, to advance the propaganda of cremation through the Union. The competition is open to high school, college and university students throughout the United States and Canada and will per-

tain to some subject connected with cremation. The topic for this year is "Reasons Why Cremation Is Superior to Burial from an Esthetic Point of View." Papers submitted in this competition should not be over 1,000 words in length, written on one side only, and must not be rolled. They should be mailed to Mr. Roger D. Swaim, 16 Central Street, Boston, who is acting as secretary for the committee on awards. The following gentlemen have consented to act as judges: Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, Prof. Chas. R. Lanman, of Harvard University, and Rev. Dr. Lee McCollester, of Tufts College, all of Boston. Manuscript must bear a pseudonym and be accompanied by a sealed envelope that bears the same pseudonym and contains the real name and address of the participant. In order to minimize the work of the committee, the receipt of manuscripts will not be acknowledged and Mss. failing to receive a prize will not be returned. Three medals are offered, gold, silver and bronze, one of each. The competition will close June 1, 1915. The obverse will bear a reproduction of the seal of the Cremation Association of America and the reverse the engraved words:

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Manuscripts receiving a prize will become the property of the Cremation Association of America and be read at its next convention at Buffalo, August 26 and 27. Beauty of diction will count in the award of the prizes; for a model see Frances E. Willard's famous statement in regard to cremation in her "Glimpses of Fifty Years." Write to your nearest crematorium for literature; that may also help you.

TRACK.

Captain Dent has arranged for two inter-class tracks meets early next month, and it is expected that a large number of men will

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report for practice during the next two weeks. Those who show good form in these interclass meets will be picked for the meet with R. P. I. It is hoped that there will be considerable interest in the indoor track work so that the team will be in good shape for the spring meets.

The events for the first interclass track meet, which will be held on February 2, are:

1. 40 yard dash.
2. Running high jump.
3. 40 yard low hurdles.
4. Half mile run (10 laps.)
5. Two mile run (40 laps.)

In the second meet, February 11, the following events will take place:

1. 40 yard dash.
2. 12 pound shot put.
3. Mile run (20 laps.)
4. 40 yard high hurdles.
5. Two mile relay (teams of 4.)

Entries in the runs on the track will be limited to two men from each class. Points count as follows: First, 5; second, 3; third, 2; fourth, 1.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

On Monday night, January 18, Mr. Salathe delivered a lecture before the Chemical Society of Union College in the chemical lecture room. He spoke on two subjects, "The Manufacture of Aluminum" and "Measurement of Steam Flow by Chemical Analysis." In the first part he went into the electrolytic preparation of the aluminum pig from the earths containing it and the manufacture of aluminum cables and other products. In the second part Mr. Salathe gave a very interesting explanation with illustrative computations of the measure of steam flow by comparative chemical analysis of the head water and tail water of a power house. This method has proved to be far more accurate than the mechanical methods generally employed. Mr. Salathe spoke with authority on the subject, having

been in charge of the work for the United States Aluminum Company at their large plant at Messina Springs, N. Y. After the lecture an interesting discussion was participated in by the members of the society.

THE JULIA CULP CONCERT.

All those who took advantage of the Union College concert course at the second of the series in the gymnasium, Tuesday evening, enjoyed a treat by Mme. Julia Culp, assisted by Coenraad V. Bos, pianist.

No true lover of music could say that the recital was not one of great artistic merit as well as most pleasing. Mme. Culp is a mezzo-soprano and an admirable concert performer. She is possessor of a beautiful stage appearance in addition to her enchanting voice. She was enthusiastically received with a bouquet of flowers and hearty applause by the large and appreciative audience which heard her for the first time in this city; in return for which she was generous with encores. Her program included four favorite German songs by Schubert, of which "Haidenroslein" was most enjoyable. The two Indian songs by Lieurance were a delight. Then there were three English songs by Rogers, including the "Wind Song," somewhat descriptive and very well rendered. Her last four songs were an excellent group of Brahms's work, of which "Wiegenlied," the last, was particularly good. In all her numbers, Mme. Culp sang with wealthy tone and effective expression that appeals to every musical ear.

Coenraad V. Bos did the accompanying with remarkable sympathy and skill. He also rendered a Sonata in C major by Mozart and a group of well known compositions, displaying fine style.

Both Coenraad Bos and Mme. Culp were born in Holland. The latter received the best part of her training in Berlin, where she was assured of success in a concert in 1904. She soon became a great favorite through-

out Europe and later one of our most prominent concert artists.

There are two more concerts in the course. They are: Anna Case, soprano, and Herbert Witherspoon, bass, February 12; and the Kneisel Quartet, assisted by Ada Sassoli, pianiste, March 9. If they prove to be as good as the one Tuesday evening, they will be very enjoyable.

MISSION STUDY.

The courses in Mission Study for 1915 were announced by Revington Embree in chapel on Monday as follows:

1. The Emergency in China.
2. Uncivilized Asia and Africa.
3. India Awakening.
4. Educational Missions.
5. Islam—a challenge.

These courses will be conducted in classes which will meet in Silliman Hall each Monday evening, from seven to eight o'clock, beginning January eighteenth and continuing for eight weeks. They are open to all students who must certainly receive much profit and instruction from them.

Y. M. C. A.

Fred H. Rindge, who is well known to the fellows on the "hill" for his Y. M. C. A. work was with us the early part of the week. Sunday he spoke at the vesper services, Monday he spoke before the Economics classes. His object is to establish classes for instructing foreigners in the English language and other rudimentary subjects. Three classes have already been formed and it is expected that his influence will be effective in starting several more. These classes conducted by college students have been very successful in the past. Monday noon Mr. Rindge spoke briefly and entertainingly to the students in college meeting. In the evening he held a trial class in Silliman Hall to demonstrate how English may be taught without the teacher knowing

a single word of his pupil's tongue.

Mission study classes started Monday. Some of the Bible classes show a very good attendance.

WAR TALK.

Italy is in good shape to deliver a swift kick.

"What is Austria-Hungary for?"
"Turkey."

They are having Lodz of trouble in Poland.

"The thermometer registers zero while Germans coolly await action in trenches." Peculiar isn't it?

There's no doubt about it the war has brought forth many great writers of fiction among our war correspondents.

In despair and dismay, cried Jim Fitz,
"I am driven clean out of my wits,
"I don't dar to comb
"My smooth ivory dome
"And I can't find a wig that Jim fits."

1st Rough Neck: Hey, where y' goin'?
2nd Rough Neck: Over to Carrol's to buy a state.
1st Rough Neck: How's that?
2nd Rough Neck: You see I want to get a new jersey.

SAFETY FIRST.

The president and his cabinet have recently forbidden Tipperary in the army and navy to preserve neutrality because it is sung by the English troops. It would be a good idea also to change our national colors, since England and France also have red, white and blue, to avoid irritating his august majesty, William II.

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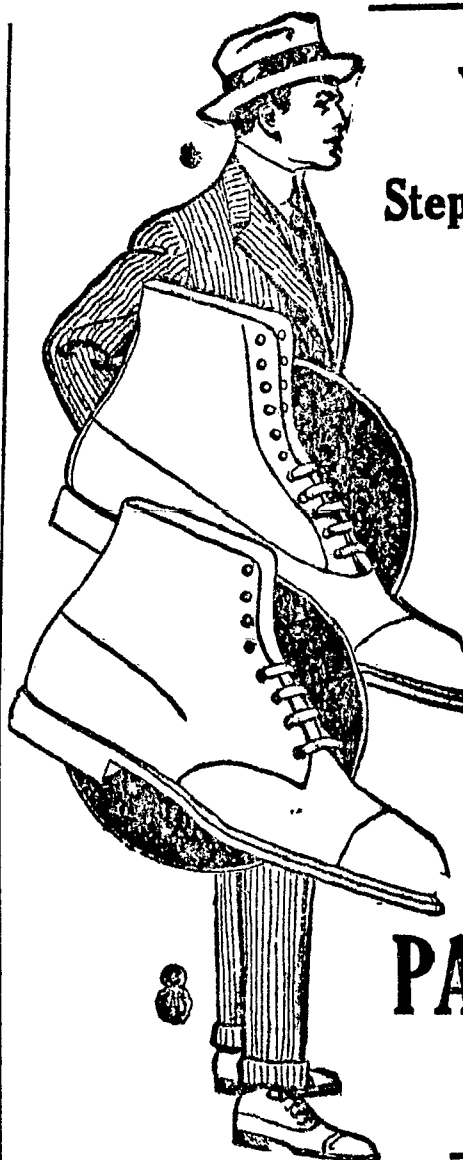
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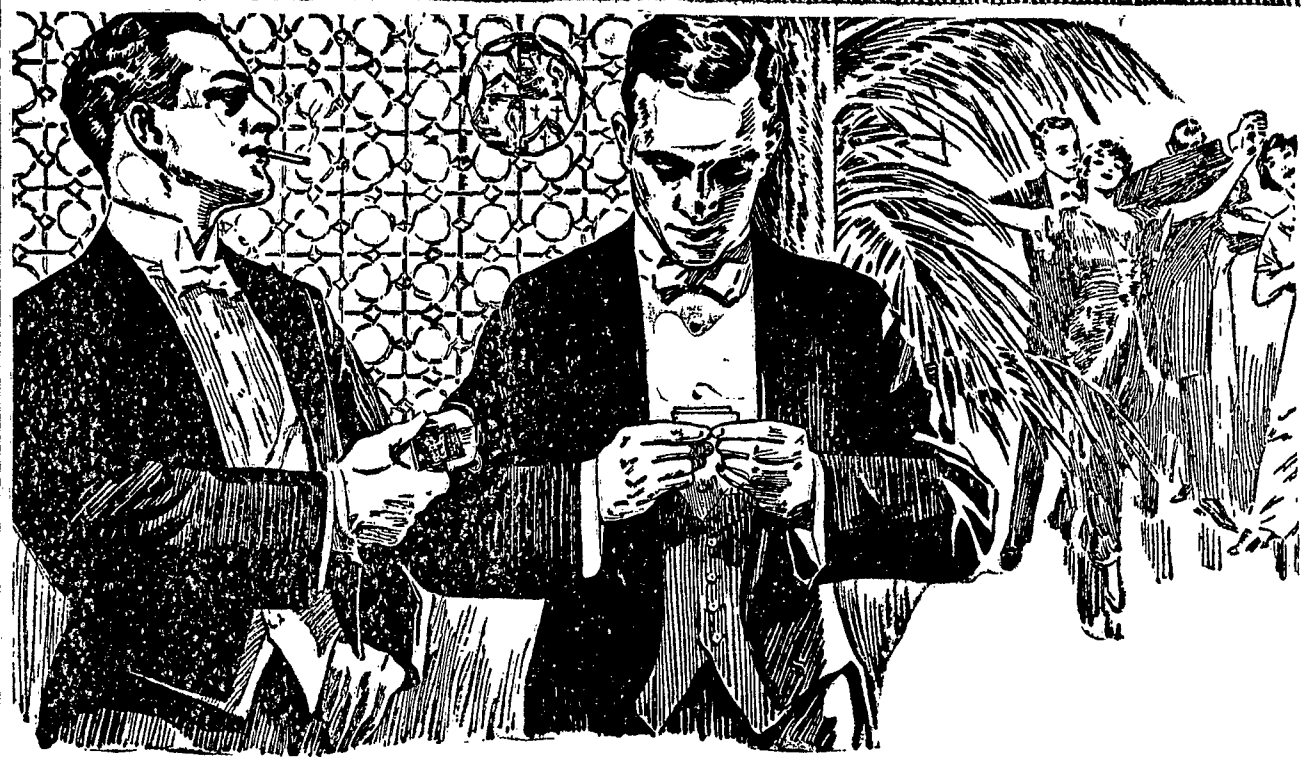
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