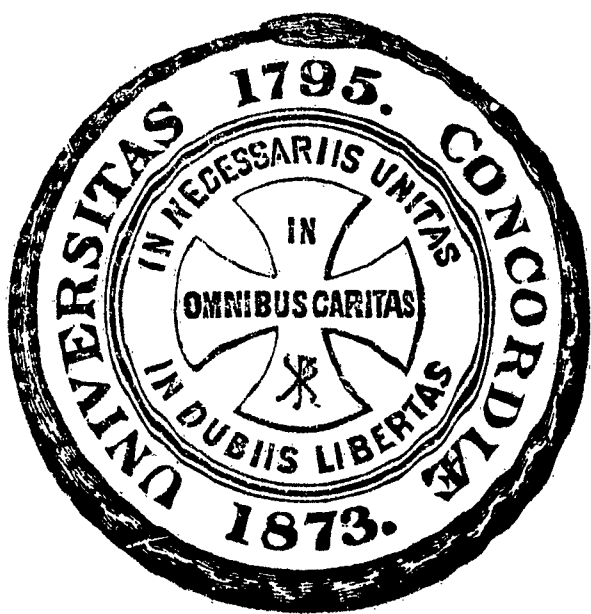


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The Canajoharie Concert.

The Musical clubs followed their concert in Schenectady by appearing in Canajoharie, Friday evening, Jan. 22d. The concert was given in Wagner Opera Hall. The hall will comfortably seat about six hundred. The acoustic properties are splendid. The home concert was considered an excellent performance, at which all tried to do their best; but the concert at Canajoharie was thought by all who heard both to be far superior in every way. This can be explained in part by the absence of the nervousness which is generally present at the first concert of the year. In a great degree it was due to the excellent acoustic properties of the hall; and also to the hearty applause by which the audience expressed their appreciation.

The Glee club was the principal attraction. The "Popular Potpourri" which was received with so much favor at the Schenectady concert made an exceptional hit at Canajoharie.

The Banjo club is always a favorite and was unusually popular last Friday. The only difficulty was in their inability through lack of preparation to respond to the call for encores. The "Coat of Arms March" was received better than their other selection, but both were loudly applauded.

The Mandolin club made great improvement over their playing at Schenectady and received merited and hearty applause. The quartet selection, rendered by Messrs. Greene, Hinman, Eames and MacMahon, was received with unusual fervor and they responded with an encore.

Mr. Cook's recitations may be said to have been one of the most popular features of the entertainment. He did far better than at the first concert. His selection of encores was better and he pleased the audience so much that he was compelled to respond again and again.

As usual the concert closed with the "Union" songs followed by a rousing good cheer.

After the concert, the floor was cleared and an informal dance arranged by the ladies of Canajoharie and Palatine Bridge was given. Quite a number of the college students who do not belong to the clubs went along with the clubs and enjoyed the dance afterwards. They all had a good time. The girls of Canajoharie and Palatine Bridge will always be remembered for their cordial hospitality and the pleasant dance which all enjoyed very much. Some were unfortunately obliged to leave on an early train. Light refreshments were served. The dance broke up about 2 o'clock.

The Patronesses were: Mrs. G. W. Van Vlack, Mrs. Fraiser Spraker, Mrs. Benjamin Smith, Mrs. Frank Kirby, Mrs. D. S. Morrel, Mrs. Homer Williams, Mrs. James H. Cook, Mrs. W. N. Johnston, Mrs. A. B. Frey, Mrs. Martin L. Smith, Mrs. N. S. Brumley, Mrs. E. Lipe, Mrs. J. C. Beach, Mrs. C. H. McKinsty, and Mrs. A. G. Richmond.

The ushers for the concert were: Miss Bertha Lipe, Miss Carrie Frey, Miss Laura De Clerque, Miss Clara Lewis, Miss Florence Smith, and Miss Jessie Cook.

The Shakespeare Club.

A meeting of the Shakespeare Club was held last Thursday evening, at 7:30 o'clock in Prof. Truax's room. Work was planned for the term.

New members and the following new officers were elected: President, Hotaling, '97; vice-President, Swann, '98; Secretary, Hartnagle, '98; Treasurer, MacMahon, '99 and an Executive Committee consisting of Nelson, '98; D. Wood, '97; Hotaling, '97; MacMahon, '99 and French, '99.

Day of Prayer Celebrated.

The annual Day of Prayer for colleges was celebrated in the chapel last Thursday morning by an eloquent and impressive sermon by President Raymond. The Reverend Messrs. Sewell and Stevenson assisted in the services. The auditorium was well filled with students, the faculty and their families, and friends of the college.

Dr. Raymond took for his text, the words of Christ as recorded in Matthew IV: 19, "Follow me." Every complex system, the speaker said, has at its core some simple principle; the modern locomotive for example, the expansion of steam; calculus, the plain arithmetic. So religion, when freed from all the intricacies of scholastic theology, has for its very foundation, the simple words of Christ, "Follow me."

They are especially significant for when first used, they were addressed to young men. And to young men they make their strongest appeal to-day, for they offer a personal relationship with Christ. It is our personal relationships which make us, not our theories nor intellectual requirements. Through association, the apostles learned of Christ, caught his spirit, became like him in their attitude, both toward God and men. This is the sum and substance of the blessedness offered by Christianity, and anything that makes this blessedness something exterior to ourselves is mockery. A weedy tract is only reclaimed by supplanting the weeds with wheat. Our lives are redeemed in the same way.

The character and conduct of every man are determined by the authority which he recognizes; and even in this age of liberty, authority is inevitable. This directs study to the character of Christ to learn why we should heed his command, "Follow me." There is only gain in this, for the better he is known, the greater will be his power. What virtue can be named not found perfectly developed in this Jesus of Nazareth; honesty, kindness, courtesy, courage, truthfulness, unworldliness, unselfishness, purity, reverence, gentleness, charity, and with all these a wisdom so profound that all the thought of the world has failed to exhaust the meaning of his words. So he who responds to the claim of Christ simply follows the truest, holiest impulses of his nature. He who rejects this claim stifles these impulses and condemns himself.

The sermon was closed with a strong appeal to all young men to heed the example of Christ, and thus become the noblest men possible. The discourse throughout was one of exceeding power and beauty. We regret the want of space that forbids a fuller account.

New York State Inter-Collegiate Athletic Union.

Last November representatives from Rochester, Hobart, Syracuse, Hamilton, Colgate and Union came together at Utica to discuss the organization of a new athletic association. The work of preparing a constitution and by-laws was only begun and the details were left to a committee of one from each institution represented. The committee had its first meeting last Saturday at Baggs' Hotel in Utica. Rochester was represented by Cubley, '97, Syracuse by Fikes who is well known to the students of Union, Hamilton by Prof. Squires, Colgate by Prof. Crawshaw, and Union by Birch, '97.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Glass of Hamilton, secretary of the previous convention, and Union's delegate was made chairman. After some preliminary discussion as to the powers of the committee, the work of forming a constitution and by-laws was entered upon. As there appeared to be a New York State Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, in track athletics, consisting of Syracuse, Rochester and Hobart, it was decided to call the new organization New York State Inter-Collegiate Athletic Union. The union will be for the purpose of purifying athletics and raising the standard of scholarship. The management of the union will be entrusted to an advisory board which shall be made up of three representatives from each college. Of every delegation one must be a member of the faculty, one an alumnus, and one a student. Every college will be represented on all committees of the board and also the committees will have an equal number of professors, alumni and students.

The definition of an amateur as given in the constitution and by-laws of the Inter-Collegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America was adopted, but this article as well as the others will not be retroactive. The article which will affect the number of colleges that will compose the union is the one requiring of every contestant that he must be a candidate for a degree or taking at least twelve hours per week of recitations. Hamilton, Colgate and Union are in favor of it and in fact would desire the limit raised. Rochester and Syracuse are very much opposed, as it will cut off many special students. Hobart is in doubt. More

than two term conditions will debar athletes from participating in games. Provision is made for the enforcement of the payment of guarantees and also penalties for the violation of the rules are stipulated.

Much credit is due to Prof. Squires of Hamilton for his efforts in bringing the colleges together. He is enthusiastic over athletics giving liberally to the support of the teams of his own institution, yet, at the same time, keeping in mind that the colleges stand for scholarship first. It is to be regretted that all the colleges cannot measure up to the requirements proposed, but the professor will find no more enthusiastic co-laborers than at "Old Union."

Chi Psi Banquet.

The Chi Psi alumni association of eastern New York, held their annual meeting and banquet at the Kenmore Hotel, Albany, last Friday evening. Union sent its entire chapter and there were goodly representations from Williams, Hamilton, Rutgers and Cornell. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Cyrus S. Merrill, of Albany; vice-presidents, W. Scott Hunter, of Schenectady; Col. Wm. H. Fox, of Albany; secretary, James H. Callahan, of Albany; treasurer, Edmund C. Knickerbocker, of Albany; executive committee, the Rev. Freeborn G. Jewett, of Albany; Wm. C. Vrooman, of Schenectady; H. Miles Nims, of Troy; Gen. James G. Rogers, of Sandy Hill, and Chas. H. Van Auken, of Cohoes. The next banquet will be held in January, 1898, and probably in Albany.

Bound volumes of the Butterfield course of lectures are for sale at the Registrar's office. The price has been reduced for students, from \$3.00 to \$1.50 per volume.

Chancellor James R. Day, of Syracuse University; Andrew V. V. Raymond, President of Union University; Francis Hovey Stoddard, of New York University, and Prof. G. M. Forbes, of Rochester University, have forwarded to the regents for consideration next March, resolutions embodying their views on the L. T. B. degrees.

The Sophomore Soiree.

The arrangements for the Sophomore Soiree, which will be held at the Van Curler, Friday evening, Feb. 19, are rapidly approaching completion.

The committee is putting forth every possible effort to make the '99 Soiree one to be long remembered as a successful college dance. August Elgie and his excellent orchestra of ten pieces have been engaged to furnish music for the event. Elgie's Orchestra has played at all the principal society events in Albany during the past year, and given entire satisfaction.

Five different bids for refreshments have been received from the leading caterers of Albany, Troy, Utica and Schenectady, and the contract has been awarded to Colburn of Albany, whose menu was superior to any of the others.

The two front rows of seats in the orchestra circle will be removed, thus making room for three more boxes. The boxes will be disposed of at public auction, on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 9; no bid of less than \$10 will be accepted.

The floor will be thoroughly renovated and covered with new crash before the Soiree.

The patronesses are: Mrs. Andrew V. V. Raymond, Mrs. James L. Patterson, Mrs. I. B. Price, Mrs. Olin H. Landreth, Mrs. James R. Truax, Mrs. Edward Everett Hale, Jr., Mrs. Sidney G. Ashmore, Mrs. Maurice Perkins, Mrs. C. P. Linhart, Mrs. James H. Stoller, Mrs. George W. Gibson, Mrs. Elton D. Walker, Mrs. Howard T. Mosher, Mrs. Benjamin H. Ripton, Mrs. John A. DeRemer, Mrs. William C. Vrooman, Mrs. Chauncey O. Yates, Mrs. John K. Paige, Mrs. L. H. Tucker, Mrs. Joseph W. Smitley, Mrs. Bonesteel, Mrs. James K. Strain, Mrs. Clinton C. Brown, Mrs. Charles S. Prosser, Mrs. D. Green and Mrs. L. Gibson.

L. D. Russell, '97, and H. A. Hinman, '98, of Middleburg, and L. D. La Monte, '98, G. D. Sessions, '99, and H. W. Darrin, 1900, of Hamilton, were the guests of friends on the hill over Saturday and Sunday.

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IT IS a pleasure to note the complimentary notice which appeared in the Canajoharie newspaper of this week regarding the concert given by the musical clubs of this college. It is evident that there is a strong feeling of good will for Union in that neighborhood. It has already been reflected by the students, who unite in praising the people of that locality for their most hospitable treatment on Friday last.

THE PARTHENON appeared this week in a new cover. If you like it, tell your friends you do ; if you don't, keep still. The object of the editors in making the change is obvious to any person who has any artistic taste.

The contents of the magazine are sufficiently varied to satisfy most of its readers. If you have any criticisms to make they are not wanted. Suggestions along with manuscript for the February number will be gladly accepted by the editors.

THE second volume of a small publication, entitled "Cap and Gown," and containing original college verse, is about to be published. The editor

of THE CONCORDIENSIS has been requested to send a number of poems written by Union College students to the editors of this volume. If there are any students in college who have written any verses appropriate for this book, and desire to have them published, please to mail such verse to the editor of THE CONCORDIENSIS at the earliest date possible.

WE understand that it has been definitely decided to hold the Sophomore Soiree in the Van Curler. Now that such a determination has been reached, it behooves all concerned to spare no pains to make the dance a success both financially and socially. The difficulty in the past has been due to ill-considered extravagance and to a lack of business foresight in the sale of tickets. The principle source of revenue is derived from the sale of tickets thus tickets must be sold. It is useless and foolish to speculate upon how many will be sold and then make no effort to dispose of them. Such a method will as it has in the past, result in a large deficit. We would call the committee's attention to the letter which appeared in last week's CONCORDIENSIS and advise that some of the suggestions therein contained be followed.

IN ANOTHER column of this paper is found a description of the new water supply for Schenectady. Such an innovation is rightly hailed with delight by every resident of the city. For years Schenectady has borne an unenviable reputation as a typhoid fever center, due to its infected water supply. The Mohawk is a beautiful river to look upon but it has always proved itself to be a relentless destroyer when used as a beverage.

The beneficial effects of the change from Mohawk to spring water is certain to be enjoyed by the college. Union has suffered immeasurably in the past from the justifiable supposition by outsiders that every student who entered must for four years be subjected to a more or less intimate acquaintance with the typhoid germ. Such a condition of things is now of the past. Good water, an efficient system of sewerage, good air and plenty of exercise for the individual student will make Union as healthful an institution of learning as can be found in the land.

IT SEEMS necessary again to refer to the abuses which continue to exist in the use of the library. About two-thirds of the student body seem to think that the way to obtain privileges is to abuse those they already have. The college furnishes a building for library purposes. It is astonishing

how many students are ignorant of what is meant by "library purposes." Some think the hall is a place in which to take an hour's daily exercise. They promenade from one end to the other and are not the least careful regarding the sound of their footfall. Every day Dr. Nott's old stove is critically examined. The lid is removed and then replaced with a bang. The portrait above the mantle is studied from all points of advantage. The tablets on the center table are read for about the fiftieth time by some students and lifted by way of exercise by others. A large majority never think of speaking in a whisper; they abhor silence. When they sit down they make a racket and when they get up they make a racket. They observe only one rule and probably would not observe that if it were not the cast iron, non-breakable rule of the librarian to keep your hats off regardless of drafts and frigid temperature.

Personals.

Clayton, '99, is ill at his home in Granville, N. Y.

Hemstreet, '97, spent Sunday at his home in Gloversville.

Tinning, 1900, spent Sunday at his home in Pattersonville.

D. F. VanWormer, ex-'99, sailed for Savannah, Saturday, Jan. 23.

Several dogs of different breed are regular attendants at chapel of late.

John C. Merchant, '98, is confined at his home in Nassau, N. Y., by illness.

During the absence of President Raymond, chapel exercises have been conducted by Prof. Stoller.

W. J. Kline, '73, sailed January 20, on the Steamer Algonquin, of the Clyde Line, for Florida.

Pomeroy, 1900, is recovering rapidly from his recent illness but is not yet able to return to college.

Hoxie, '98, spent Saturday and Sunday as the guest of Draper, '97, at his home in Lansingburgh.

E. B. Fisher, ex-'97, of Amsterdam, passed the recent state examination and has been admitted to the bar.

Schenectady's New Water Supply.

The people of Schenectady since Friday last have been enjoying a bounteous supply of clear, pure spring water. The new water supply station which is located near Rotterdam, about two miles outside of the city, has been completed and at the present time about 6,000,000 gallons are being pumped from the new wells which is about four times as much as the city needs. The surplus is allowed to run away by wasteful consumers, who allow the water to run from the faucets so as to prevent them from freezing. The impurity of Schenectady's water supply has for many years been the cause of her high death rate and that directly due to the typhoid germ which was always present in the water taken from the Mohawk river.

The existence of the large spring on the site of the new water plant was known to have existed for many years. The immense volume of water however which finds its way by this underground channel into the river was not appreciated until after the tests made in the spring of 1895. It was then ascertained that there was sufficient water running under a comparatively thin stratum of gravel and clay hardpan to supply the entire city of Schenectady.

It is not necessary for the purposes of this article to enter upon a detailed account of the actions of the various administrative bodies of the city of Schenectady tending towards the acquirement of their new water supply. It is sufficient to say that a chemical and biological analysis of the water shows it to be absolutely free from impurities. For some time it was supposed that the water reached into the wells from the neighboring river. The geological formation of the river valley and the nature of the earth deposit which tops the solid rock at this locality, makes such a condition improbable if not impossible. About two feet of gravel and clay intervenes between the river bottom and the wells and the dip of the rock at this point is away from the wells and toward the river rather than otherwise.

Chemical analysis shows the water to be two points harder than the river water and to contain one-third less chlorine. This shows the water to be entirely different in character to that which flows in the river. Dr. Perkins is making a very careful analysis of the water. He says that if the supply continues unabated, Schenectady will have the finest water used in any city east of the Mississippi river.

College Notes.

The University of Tokio, Japan, has 1300 students.

Princeton received gifts of over \$1,000,000 at her recent sesquicentennial.

Hamilton has recently received a gift of money with which to build a science building.

The Harvard faculty have refused to allow the Glee club to make its annual western trip.

A woman's gymnasium, to cost \$50,000, will soon be built at the University of Michigan.

Vice-President-elect Garret A. Hobart has presented \$5000 to Rutgers college, of which college he is an alumnus.

When Stanford University shall have received its final share of the Stanford estate it will be three times as rich as Harvard.

The University of Paris is considering the establishment of a degree especially for foreign students.—*Cornell Daily Sun*.

Postmaster-General Wm. L. Wilson, on retiring from the cabinet, will assume the presidency of Washington and Lee University.

The will of the late Dr. Gardiner H. Scudder bequeaths a portion of his estate to the Harvard University Corporation, but provides that it be not used for scholarships.

Of the men who have made up the All American Foot Ball teams since the first one in 1890 Yale has had fifteen, Princeton thirteen, Harvard ten, Pennsylvania eight and Cornell one.—*Pennsylvanian*.

The committee of college graduates who have had the management of the annual Yale-Princeton foot ball game in hand for the past five years, after careful deliberation, have decided to urge the colleges to hold their annual games and all their athletic contests on college grounds.

J. P. Hamilton, a blind student of the University of Michigan, holds seven first prize medals for catch-as-catch-can wrestling. He has never been beaten at wrestling inside of his own class. He won the state championship at the intercollegiate meet.

Professor Emerson, of Amherst, will visit St. Petersburg next August as a delegate to the International Geological Congress to be held in that city. The delegates will be guests of the Czar, and arrangements have been made for a trip through the Ural Mountains, and an excursion to the Caspian Sea.

In the *New York Times* of Jan. 9, Sir John Lubboch says that a mistake is made in limiting elementary education too closely to reading, writing and arithmetic. He told the Modern Language association, at its recent meeting in London, that a knowledge of one or more foreign languages vastly increases a young man's chances of securing remunerative employment, and suggested the acquisition of Spanish as especially important just now, owing to England's keen desire to secure trade in South America.

Columbia University is to have a building which is to combine under its one roof a gymnasium, an academic theatre, a banquet hall, a power house, and various rooms for the use of college organizations. This building is to be 250 feet by 185, and is to be built in the Italian Renaissance style. In the basement will be the power house, the swimming tank, and the dressing rooms; on the first floor the gymnasium with 14,000 square feet of floor surface, slightly smaller than the Wisconsin gymnasium, and a running track of nine laps; on the upper floors are the banquet hall, the theatre seating 2,500 persons, the kitchen and other rooms.—*Bowdoin Orient*.

The Princeton base ball team will use this year a gun in batting practice. Such a gun for pitching balls to batsmen was invented by a Princeton professor and used successfully last season. This year it has been improved. The gun is fired from the shoulder. Curves of 14 inches in 70 feet are obtained by a simple device, whereby the ball in passing out rubs against a piece of rubber on one side of the barrel, the friction giving it a rotary motion. It has been found that after a little practice, balls may be pitched from the gun much more accurately than from the human hand. The gun is an improvement on the pitcher in two ways: That

the batsman does not need to waste so much time while wild balls are being thrown him, and the pitcher does not lame or "throw out" his arm in practice work.

A UNIVERSITY CLUB IN HONOLULU.

On December 17, the first university club meeting was held at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. President Dole, Chief Justice Judd, and Justices Frear and Whiting were the guests of honor. Graduates of Harvard, Williams, Cornell, Yale, Oberlin, Amherst, Columbia, Wesleyan, Dartmouth, Brown and other American colleges were present. Chief Justice Judd, the president of the club, introduced A. L. Colston, C. E., Cornell, who spoke on the relative merits of scientific and classical institutions. Several of the speakers discussed this question. Toasts to the various colleges were responded to by graduates, college songs were sung, and a university club was very pleasantly inaugurated in the far away islands whose name is of such interest to Americans at home.—*Cornell Daily Sun*.

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Jan. 30.—"A Night in New York." Jolly Nellie McHenry.

Feb. 1.—"The Gilhoolies Abroad."

Feb. 2.—Hi Henry's Minstrels.

Followed by "Rob Roy," "Mme. Sans Gene," Mathews and Bulger in "At Gay Coney Island," W. H. Crane, Hoyt's "A Black Sheep," "Wizzard of the Nile," Sol Smith Russell, Sousa's Band, etc.

Prof. Winans has not met his classes since Thursday, January 21st, having been called out of town on account of the death of his mother.

The Mandolin club played at an entertainment given by the E. A. Darling band at the First Presbyterian church Thursday, Jan. 21.

Scott W. Skinner, '95, of Leroy, and Oscar S. Best, ex-'98, of Ogdensburg, passed civil service examinations for state clerkships recently.

Senator LeGrand C. Tibbits, whose vote for Mr. Choate for United States senator caused so much comment and surprise, was a student at Union for a time in the later seventies.

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College Athletics in the West.

The Western University presidents recently held a meeting at Madison, Wisconsin, and adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The representatives of the state universities here assembled, are of the opinion that inter-collegiate athletics in general, and football in particular, should be subjected to more careful and constant supervision, therefore, be it

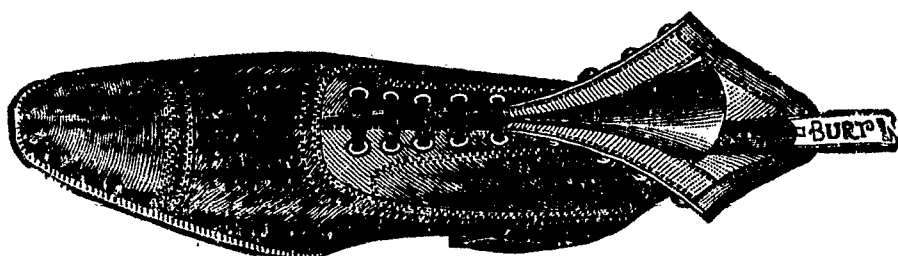
Resolved, That a committee consisting of President C. K. Adams, of the University of Wisconsin; President A. S. Draper, of the University of Illinois, and President F. H. Snow, of the University of Kansas, be appointed to report such rules as they deem wise to be recommended for the consideration of the several institutions with which they are connected.

The members of the body expressed themselves as favoring some modification, but were opposed to any radical action.

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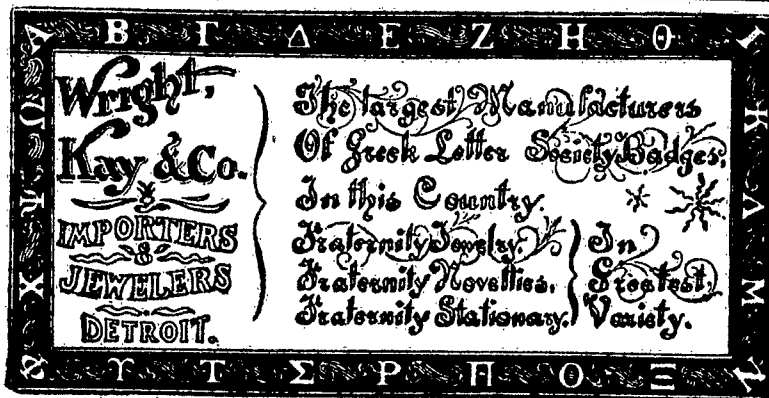
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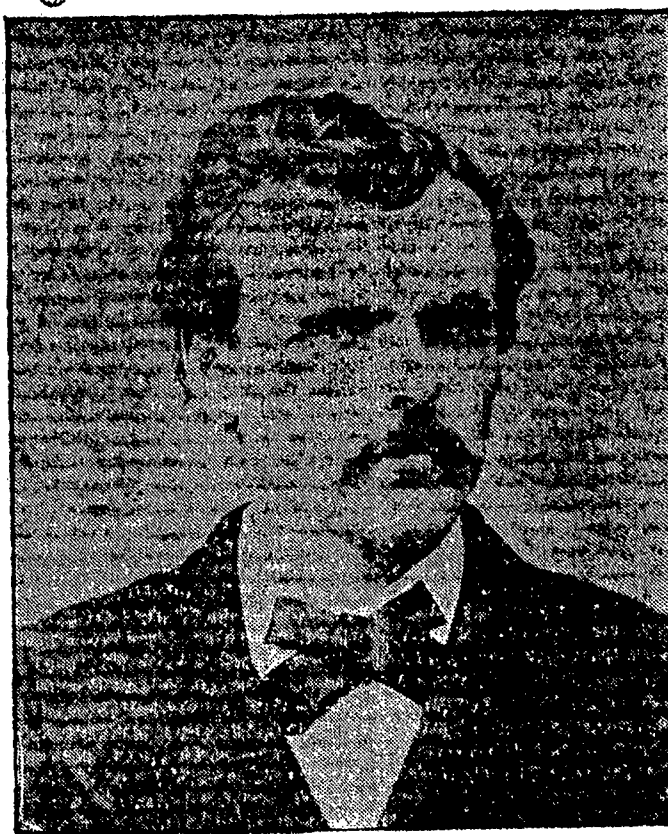
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