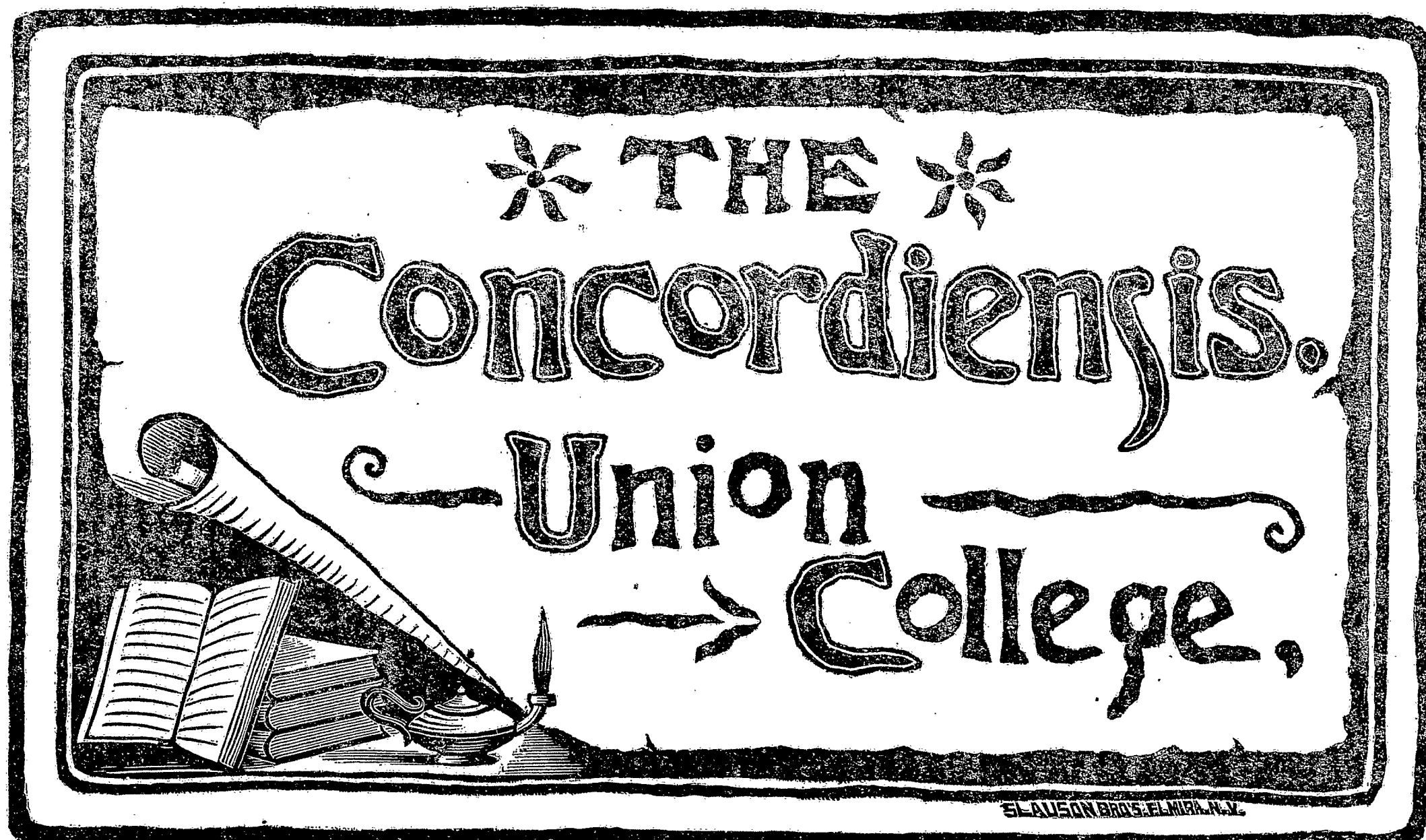


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## Editorial.

Union's ninety-first commencement has come and gone. With it has gone all doubts of Union's future and with it has come a president, full of energy, determination and ability. The commencement itself was evidence of the wisdom of the choice that made Harrison E. Webster President of Union College. The number and character of the alumni present, the universal feeling of joy and enthusiasm and the unusually large number of candidates for the Freshman class are all evidence of the vitality of Union loyalty and the strength of President Webster.

The inauguration of the President was impressive and dignified, as well befitting the services which clothed him with the responsibilities of the college--which placed the future of the college under his guidance. In his address, President Webster defined his policy as one tending to establish friendly relations between faculty and students, accepted the present general system of the college and assured his hearers that no change should be made simply for the sake of change; yet nothing should be retained simply because it had been.

The exercises of commencement morning were of unusual excellence. Each of the seven speakers held the rapt attention of the audience and showed a strong maturity of thought. The tone of the orations was one of lofty, practical and christian morality without trace of ill taste or the ordinary foolishness of the skeptical young college graduate.

The speakers on commencement morning respectfully requested the trustees and other gentlemen of fame who are accustomed to exhibit themselves to the public gaze by seating themselves on the commencement platform, to accept reserved seats in the front, giving as their reasons that it was easier to speak and hold the attention of the audience than when said audience was occupied in discussing the individual peculiarities and personal beauty of said gentlemen of fame. The request was not granted and the stage was adorned



as usual, much to the gratification of the gentlemen mentioned, and those in the audience given to the study of human nature in high places.

With this number of THE CONCORDIENSIS the class of '88 takes final leave of the the undergraduate work of Union College. In looking back over our year's work, we find much that is open to criticism, but we console ourself with the thought that whatever we have done has been done sincerely in the interest of the college and in a time when there was little to incite interest and but little to encourage or support. With coming years the surroundings, hopes and material will increase and we predict that the future board will give the college an able and more creditable publication. The class of 1888 writes "Finis" under its copy and takes up the work of life with pleasant memories and warmest love for her Alma Mater.

#### CLASS HISTORY OF '88.

The class of '88 of Union has one peculiar distinction. It is the only class that has ever been four years at Union without knowing how it feels to have a college president. For four years we have been compelled to answer disagreeable questions about the college; for four years we have been made heart-sick by hope long deferred; for four years we have fought Union's battles with outsiders, who either cannot or will not believe that a student can learn just as much and be just as good at a headless college as at any other; for four years we have done our best to be proud of our Alma Mater, but it was depressing work when people would not believe that we had anything to be proud of; for four years we have, perhaps, been acting a double character. Among ourselves and in college we have bewailed the

state of affairs; we have protested; we have sent in petition after petition to the powers that be; we have, perhaps, made fools of ourselves by passing resolutions that we could not possibly carry out, but at the same time we succeeded in showing clearly how we felt about a college without a president. While outside the college, on the other hand, we have worked hard in arguing that there is no better college in the country than Union. Perhaps we have been over-zealous and have taken more upon ourselves than we ought, but at any rate we have now at the very end of our course what we have never been before, what we have been working all these four years to get, and what, we flatter ourselves, we have been to some small degree at least instrumental in getting—a president of Union. We are sorry he did not come four years ago, yet we congratulate the other classes on their good fortune and hope that neither they nor any other class at Union will ever have to repeat our experience in the matter of going four years to Union without a Prex.

In other respects no class can do better than to follow the example of '88. We have been studious—remarkably studious. The lowest man in the class would easily have been a stage man in the great majority of classes, while in such a class as '89 for instance, he would easily lead. In athletics we have won a fair degree of renown, not only at home, but in other colleges as well. Such men as Darey and Dillingham have we sent to represent our muscle and endurance in other colleges, and to teach the men in those colleges how to run.

In general college matters we always did our share. Even in Freshman year one of us made a speech in chapel meeting one day. We have always given more than any other class to support base ball

or athletics, or whatever else needed money. We rarely bolted recitations and flunked not very often. In the aggregate we are physically, mentally and morally far above the average of college classes. Taking us all together we are about 500 years old and weigh a ton and a half.

So much for the general character and history of '88. And now for a more detailed account of our deeds and misdeeds. I suppose we were about as fresh as the general run of Freshmen when we entered Union. At least we were told so at the time by a crowd of gentlemen who called themselves Sophomores, and who carried large clubs which they called canes. But if we were fresh, we still had one redeeming quality—we didn't deny our freshness. That we were fresh we knew by a process which we have since found out to be an intuition or fundamental truth, though at the time we thought it was by a process called salting. However, being Freshmen, and fully realizing the fact, we at once proceeded to do something worthy of Freshmen. Our first act as a class was to make a constitution. We did this mainly to show the other classes that we were original or nothing. This constitution was a masterpiece of its kind, for the good and sufficient reason that nothing of its kind was ever made before or ever will be made again. The Historian regrets that he has been unable to procure a copy of this historical document, so that he could read it to-night, for, as he remembers it, it is well worth listening to. But sad to say, the constitution disappeared about a month after it was made, and has not been heard from since. It is probably groping around in the great hereafter in company with the plate of the coffin that held the remains of Tute DePuy's cremated algebra. It is curious about that coffin-plate. We had cremated algebra in the most approved

fashion and of course everybody wanted a relic of the occasion, and the coffin plate would have been just the thing for someone, but it could not be found. Like Charlie Ross it must ever remain a mystery.

We had a plug hat parade—at least some of us did. It is remarkable how many of us could not possibly be back in time to take part in the parade. A great many of us discovered that we were too sick on that day to go out. The relatives of a great many more were very ill and called us out of town. Some had important business in Albany. Others still had conscientious scruples about wearing a plug hat. The result of it all was that about fifteen of us paraded. But like the well-known Biblical character who had his dinner party, in spite of excuses, we had our parade, and like the same character we invited the inhabitants of the by-ways and hedges and Frog alley to join us, which they did in large numbers, and brought decayed vegetables with them. The insulting temarks of the rabble troubled us some, but what hurt our feelings most was the sight of our Prophet who, to quote again from Scripture, "Passed by on the other side." Louis was one of those who were "so sorry they could not parade, but press of business forbade." Louis was also much chagrined (?) because he went to sleep in the early part of cremation night and forgot to wake up in time to take part in the ceremonies. But, in spite of these slight failings, Louis had always a fair degree of class spirit, and the Historian is of the opinion that, as Louis himself expresses it, all who follow him will "wear diamonds."

Another well-known member of '88 is our honorable president, James M. DeLong, better known as "Jimmy, the Pool Shark." De. is the only man in the class who has succeeded in getting two degrees.

He always was fond of study. Not content with the regular courses of study offered by the college, Jimmy must needs take others to fill up his time. He took an extended and exhaustive course in practical analytical chemistry as applied to the fluid derived from the domestic cow. The Historian has known Jimmy to be so interested in this study as to break his peaceful slumber as early as four o'clock in the morning in order to go down in the college pasture to get a supply of milk to analyze.

It is a fact, sad but true, that we were not much of a Sophomore class. Most of us could not be typical Sophs because we were not constructed on that plan. Not even a "set-up" could bring out more than half of us. The rest were more interested in a tragedy of Euripides in ancient Greece than in a comedy of Freshmen in North college. Still, we worried '89 considerably, and succeeded in instilling into their somewhat reluctant minds various fundamental principles, by following which they have become the fine class they now are.

We had, however, a class supper in Sophomore year—I won't say anything about it. Its memories are too dear to make public. Anyone in Troy can tell you about it, however. No one slept there that night.

In Junior year we succeeded in making a few pages of history. Kennedy got so he could carry a cane without getting it tangled up in his legs; Mandy began to have a scholarly air; Scofield began to show violent symptoms of Henry George, and Winne made some of the most heart-rending back-number puns that the Historian ever had the misfortune to hear,

It was in this year, too, that Towne got very religious at times. The way of it was this: Ed, unfortunately, had to be present at several little social gatherings, called condition examinations. Now the

Historian has it on the best of authority that, before attending these gathering, Ed used to invoke Divine aid to help him remember some hard formula, or to help him conceal the same about his person. However this may be, Ed passed up everything in the most brilliant manner. It was second term of that year, I believe, that Blossom lost all hope of a ten-spot in electricity. It was this way: The professor said, "Now, Mr. Blessing, what would be the result of the experiment if I should insulate myself by standing upon this glass stool?" Charlie looked at the stool, which was about two feet square, and then at the professor's feet, and finally said in a thoughtful tone, "Well, if the stool were big enough—" What else he was going to say is unknown, but he did not get a ten-spot in electricity."

But it is of Senior year that the Historian has most to say. In Senior year the personality of each man is known to his fellows by something more than mere physical characteristics. For example, Fritzzy is now better known for his oratory than for his whiskers. McIntyre is not so well-known by his goggles as he is by his elegant pronunciation of French. You ought to hear Mac say a French word with several "rs" in it; it would fairly make blood curdle.

Perhaps the most unique specimen of character in the class is exhibited by Stephy. Stephy must be a true Yankee. In the first place, you must know, he is a physician. Not satisfied with this, he has added insult to injury in his senior year by becoming the agent for a grave stone company! The idea as expressed in Stephy's own expressive language, was first to kill his patient and then to ask him if he did not want something choice in the way of a tombstone!

- But the Historian cannot tell of the achievements of each man. He would



like to dwell upon the mighty intellect of tén-spot, prize-yanking, midnight oil Philip, the pet of the faculty. Then there is Norm Bates, pinching himself to see if he is not dreaming when he looks at his diploma, and Frank Lewis twisting his moustache and feeling that his four years have not been altogether wasted. Then there is our latest comer, the Hon. John Darwin Miles O'Cantwell, the senator from Texas, better known as "Deacon." It is a very impressive sight to see the dignified way in which the Deacon can carry on a discussion with a professor on a subject of which he (the Deacon), knows absolutely nothing. He has a way about him—a kind of scholarly air—that fools the professor every time.

One more story and I must close. It is about Bake. The professor of chemistry gave Bake something to analyze for examination, and left standing, temptingly in view, a labeled bottle containing some of the identical stuff that Bake was worrying over. The professor kindly left the room a minute, and Bake seized the opportunity and also the bottle and read the label. He then wrote out on a piece of paper, a full analysis that he was supposed to have gone through with, and as a result he of course found the stuff to be what he had read on the label. This was a great saving of labor, Bake thought. He handed the paper to the professor, who looked at it, and then grinned a diabolical grin. He had purposely put a wrong label on the bottle and Bake had taken the bait.

And now I must close, and I do so sadly. Good-bye is a word that sticks in the throat. But the Historian must yield the floor to others in this, our last class meeting. In future years you may have another history of the class of '88 of Union, and the Historian only hopes that there may be deeds to chronicle as pleas-

ant as have been done here at dear old Union during the last four years.

S. W. LITTLE, '88.

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CLASS ADDRESS.

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The duties of the addressor are peculiar. The historian has recorded, with such pleasantness as you have heard, the happenings of our course, and the prophet, with prophetic vision peering into the future, will, with imagination, foretell the events to come. Clearly then the addressor must deal with the present, and what greater theme could be given. For four years we have been the closest of companions, of brothers, sharing in common defeats and rejoicing in common victories. Now, if, when for the last time we meet as a class words fail me to express all I feel what wonder is there? In a few days we separate, several long years shall have passed before our first reunion, when, if the roll is called, nearly half the class are missing. What has become of them? Some have made themselves distant homes; some have become wanderers in foreign lands and some, although near, are too deeply engrossed in the busy cares of active life to heed the call of *alma mater*; while some, strange to say, seem to have forgotten Union college and '88. A few alas, have slept their last sleep. For them words of eulogy are spoken. Then old times are lived over again. We separate and in several years meet again. Union has had a president some time now and the name she once had has returned, her natural heritage. Many are present at the second reunion. Union college is renowned now and they are proud that they are numbered among her children. Proud that they, perhaps, have helped to make her name great. But the number of living members is less. Other reunions will follow and the number of our dead

increases. So to-night I cannot but help shudder at the uncertainties of the future. In the midst of misfortune and sorrow, we are often led to inquire, what is the end of human existence? Is not the quiet, uneventful life of the barbarian preferable? No dark forebodings trouble him, nor does the anxiety of business cares increase his wakefulness or diminish the sweetness of his dreams. He takes what nature and circumstances offer, content if but his larder is full and the fire burns brightly while he sleeps. But, on the other hand, it must be admitted that the degree of his pleasures is also less. He hopes for nothing, nor is he disappointed. He accomplishes nothing but lives, a mere machine, endowed with sufficient reason to provide for his own bodily wants and those of his off-spring. All animals do as much. But as man reaches a higher elevation in the scale of civilization, nobler aspirations, tenderer feelings and ambitious impulses seize him, and though his failures cause the greater misery, yet his success the greater joy. He ceases to be a mere animal. The mission then of the educated man is higher than that of the ignorant one.

"He who ascends to mountain tops shall find  
The loftiest peaks most wrapt in clouds and snow.  
He who surpasses or subdues mankind  
Must look with scorn on those below."

Our day is indeed an eventful one. Theory and practice are united, and as we go out to engage in the great struggle of life, there we find human progress, like the harnessed lightning, outstrips the imagination of the most sanguine. Science and art are blending their glories for the good of the race and great national events are crowding upon the map of the civilized world with a fugitive rush. Can we stand in the midst of this moving drama and not recognize and be impressed by the mission of the American scholar? Our friends and brothers are already in the field. The

pulpit has awarded some its sacred trusts. The bar has given them an honored place; the chair of the public journalist its quota. The cause of education finds its warm-hearted, true and efficient teachers and the halls of legislation echo to the manly eloquence of our orators. To look around and choose our ground should no longer be an alternative, we will soon be in line and the battle set and though stern the strife and prolonged the conflict, victory is sure.

Opposition is the common lot and no less source of merit and renown. Our eyes may close upon the scenes of time long before the world may know the true value of our efforts. Our influence may work imperceptibly for ages, but our success may be none the less. Failure can never reach a righteous cause, but each advancing step leave an impression which the hand of time can never efface and upon which no erosion has any influence. A single spark may wrap in flames the stateliest edifice, so a single effort may set the world in a blaze of splendor.

The bubbling spring from the mountain side, which the passing stag might exhaust at a single draught, rolling its rippling waters to the vale below, marking its course by more luxuriant verdure, widening, deepening and accumulating, bears at length upon its bosom the wealth and hopes of half the world. So a single deed, spreading far and wide, may bear light and truth to millions.

It only remains then for us to be true to our missions. By the power of volition man becomes allied to God. Then with high resolves of noble purposes welling up within us we can exclaim in the strength of our God-like power, there is omnipotence in volition.

"Nothing is too arduous for mortals." With this view of human possibilities does man arise to the true dignity of his man-

hood, it enables him to laugh at difficulties and tramp impossibilities under his feet and move on from conquering to conquest.

FRANCIS D. LEWIS, '88.

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IVY POEM.

This hour we terminate our college days,  
Grown dearer to us as the years speed by.  
To Union now our farewell song of praise;  
The old grey walls make echoing reply.

We stand between two eras now, of life  
And mem'ry fondly lingers in the past,  
Before we mingle in the worldly strife,  
To gain success where'er our lot be cast.

Again we see ourselves as Freshmen droll,  
Next comes the antics of our Soph'more year,  
The weary subjects once again we poll,  
Again assume the juniors haughty sneer.

But why recount? You know the story well,  
The happy story of our college days,  
So I'll not of our many doings tell,  
And thread them thro' the meters weary maze.

But I will tell you of our ivy green,  
The tender ivy that we plant to-day,  
What this old custom seems to me to mean,  
The story that each leaflet seems to say.

Our college course has brought us many friends,  
True, dear and loyal, bound by many ties,  
And do you think this parting friendship rends,  
Ah no, we hold them as our dearest prize.

We plant our ivy as from them we part,  
May ties of feeling as its tendrils twine,  
Binding us closer, loyal heart to heart,  
And like its branches stronger grow with time.

—GEORGE COMSTOCK BAKER,  
Ivy Poet of '88.

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UNDERGRADUATE ADDRESS.

As with a nation, so with an institution, there are times in its history when it is called upon to face the coldness or at least the lukewarmness of those who should be its friends, and the cruel misjudgments and harsh criticisms of the world at large; times when faith seems to have taken wings, and when hope remains, only in the breasts of a few. It is then that the

principles to which that institution owes its origin are put to their severest test. If these principles are founded on liberality and truth, if they seek to elevate humanity, to enthrone virtue and morality and to glorify God, then the clouds and darkness are but as morning mist which the noon-day sun quickly dispels, then the crisis of the present bespeaks a glorious and enduring future.

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For what good purpose let it be  
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But now our time has come at last,  
Failure? Success? We do not know.  
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Held by the prompter, Father Time,  
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Some dark at times at others bright as day.  
No understanding have we, we must stand  
Or fall for us no other human hand  
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What have we done? We look the four years o'er,  
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If we have that, which for all time shall last.

The tutors class book shows what we have learned,  
Or ought to show. It doesn't show who walked  
Along hard learnings stony, rugged path,  
And who upon a steed impatient stalked.

On cinder path we've many victories gained,  
And won our laurels on the diamond field;  
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But are those two the four years total yield?

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#### PRIZE SPEAKING.

The Sophomores were the first speakers and they were headed by Frederic L. Carol, of Johnstown, whose subject was "Public Opinion; Its Power and Relation to the Individual." The oration was well delivered. The second speaker was William H. Edwards, of Troy, whose subject was "Wendell Phillips." Mr. Edwards is a forcible speaker and he commanded attention from the beginning to the close of his oration. "Is Retrospection Prophecy?" was the interrogation that Fritz Emmet Hawkes, of Elmira, chose as his subject.

In his retrospection Mr. Hawkes went back four centuries to the time of the discovery of America. His oration was smoothly and carefully delivered and the speaker was at once given a place among the prizes in the estimates of the audience.

Prof. Truax then announced the special question for the Veeder prize contest. The general subject was "Protection vs. Free Trade," and the special question was the following:

*Resolved*, That a protective tariff is beneficial to the industrial and commercial interests of the country.

After more music by the orchestra, Leroy Learned Cameron, of Albany, the first of the Junior speakers, was introduced. Mr. Cameron's subject was "The Tyranny of Public Opinion," and it was handled in a skillful manner.

"The European Situation" was the subject of the oration of Archie Randall Conover, of Pattersonville. Mr. Conover has an entertaining style, his delivery is free and his enunciation distinct.

Charles Wesley Culver, of Brooklyn, talked of "Radicalism and Conservatism," and spoke of the two extremes, radical and conservative, announcing that by the combination of the two the very best results were reached. Mr. Culver spoke clearly, and his effort was rewarded, at its close, with the surety of a prize.

"The Mission of the Independent" was the subject of the oration of Charles Henry Flanigan, of Albany, who was the last of the Junior speakers.

#### THE VEEDER PRIZE CONTEST.

More music followed, and then Hubert Carpenter Mandeville, '88, of Elmira, was introduced as the first of the contestants. Mr. Mandeville took the affirmative side of the question, and made a strong and logical argument in favor of protection. He possessed a good voice, was a ready speaker and had a fine presence on the platform.

Charles Winne Blessing, '88, of Albany, also took the affirmative, and presented his case in a clear and lucid manner. Mr. Blessing was a slow and strongly argumentative speaker.

Michael Nolan, jr., '89, was the next speaker, and the first to take the negative side of the question.

John C. Knox, of Albany, was next announced and spoke in favor of protection. He made a ready and strong argument.

James M. DeLong, of Elizabethtown, also took the affirmative in a convincing argument.

"I am for protection," announced John Edgar Winne, of Shodack, who made an entertaining speech.

F. D. Lewis, of Amsterdam, was the last speaker and was listened to with marked attention. The prize of \$50 was then unanimously awarded to H. C. Mandeville, of Elmira, amid the applause of the audience, with F. D. Lewis honorable



mention. The entire speaking was unusually excellent.

#### COMMENCEMENT MORNING.

The sun never shone on a more beautiful commencement morning. The exercises were opened with the singing of the 117th Psalm by the entire assembly and by a prayer. The first of the commencement orators was C. W. Blessing on "The Secret of True Development." "Crystallization" was the subject of an earnest and thoughtful oration by E. H. Coburn. J. M. DeLong treated in an able manner the subject "Work, the Genius of Success." W. L. Kennedy was the next orator who handled in a vigorous manner the subject "The Inequality of Human Judgments." After music by the orchestra, F. D. Lewis spoke on the subject "The Fool Hath said in His Heart there is no God." His oration was a splendid effort. The subject chosen by H. C. Mandeville was "The Measure of a Man," and the measure was fixed as his ability to waste no time in dreaming, but work and remember that the future is but to-day continued. The valedictory oration was by P. H. Cole on the subject "After Truth." In the valedictory he addressed President Webster and said "that it seemed strange indeed to bid farewell to a man whom the class had met only yesterday. They had been looking for him for a long time, and if they could not, as succeeding classes will, speak of the years spent under his guidance and instruction, they could speak of their years of waiting and their joy at his approach. His arrival had removed their deep anxiety, and this hour was made thrice glad by the memories of yesterday. He had been their unanimous choice, and was assured of their complete loyalty. We believe that under your administration our Alma Mater is safe. Though we now pass out from your presence, we shall not

forget you; often we shall turn our eyes to yonder campus and follow you in your performance of official duties, rejoicing always in your success, and confidently expecting that the measure of that success will be large indeed." To the board of trustees, the speaker expressed gratitude for the benefits which that trust through them had conferred on the class. To the faculty he said the only sad duty of the occasion devolved on him, that of attempting to put in words the sense of sadness they all felt at this parting, but which he alone was commissioned to express. To his fellow classmates he said that their college days were now past and this occasion would scatter them beyond the hope of ever meeting thus again. In concluding Mr. Cole said: "Our hopes for the future may be largely visionary, our plans may suffer wonderful transformations in their execution, so that even our own eyes shall not be able to recognize them, but the past is sacred and to-day as we bid farewell both to one another and to our environment, let it be with the resolution to renew these associations as often as possible, and not only that but also to come bearing those trophies of success that will do honor both to our own class and to our Alma Mater. With this exhortation I say 'Earewell!'"

The following orators were excused at their own request: S. W. Little, F. B. Richards, E. H. Winans. Engineering theses were submitted by the following, but not read: T. W. Barrally, H. P. Cummings, E. M. Schofield.

After the chancelors address by the Hon. Chas. J. Noyes, '64, of Boston, the degrees were conferred on the graduating class and the following honorary degrees were also conferred: LL. D., Hon. Charles J. Noyes, Boston; Dr. Lawson Tate, Birmingham, Eng.; Pres. Cady Staley, Cleveland, O. D. D., Rev. F. A. M. Brown, '60,

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	Syracuse.	Union.	Rochester.	Hamilton.	Won.
Syracuse .....	....	1	2	2	5
Union .....	1	....	1	1	3
Rochester .....	0	1	....	1	2
Hamilton .....	0	1	1	....	2
Lost .....	1	3	4	4	

AVERAGES OF THE BASE BALL TEAM.

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Dickinson, 1b....	11	156	9	12	.932	52	17	21	5	.327
Mosher, 3d.....	12	10	14	5	.827	67	17	22	7	.333
Hunsicker, l. f....	12	21	4	2	.926	47	11	14	13	.234
B. Little, 2b.....	12	14	21	11	.761	46	14	16	12	.326
S. Little, s. s.....	12	23	19	9	.910	48	8	9	11	.167
Blessing, r. f.....	11	8	0	2	.800	41	10	11	10	.244
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McDonald, p.....	12	13	102	37	.753	50	9	10	4	.180
Bates, c. f.....	12	11	2	4	.764	43	8	8	5	.185

Personals.

✓'80—H. J. Campbell is bridge engineer of the Chicago, Santa Fe & California railway, with offices in the Rialto building, Chicago.

✓'80—Kemp and Alexander were delegates to the late Republican state convention at Buffalo. Rogers is an alternate at large from Rhode Island to the National Republican convention at Chicago.

✓'81—W. B. Landreth and J. L. Fitzger-

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✓'82—E. B. Waller was married to Miss Gilchrist of Charlton, May 17.

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—Camp Union on Lake George will be continued this year at the same place. The Union camp is becoming well known.

—The number of men presenting themselves for entrance examinations was unusually large, being fully two-thirds the usual number.



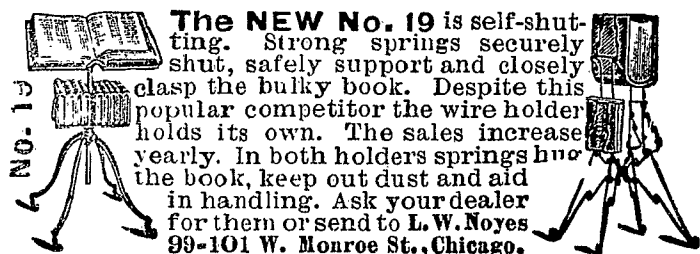
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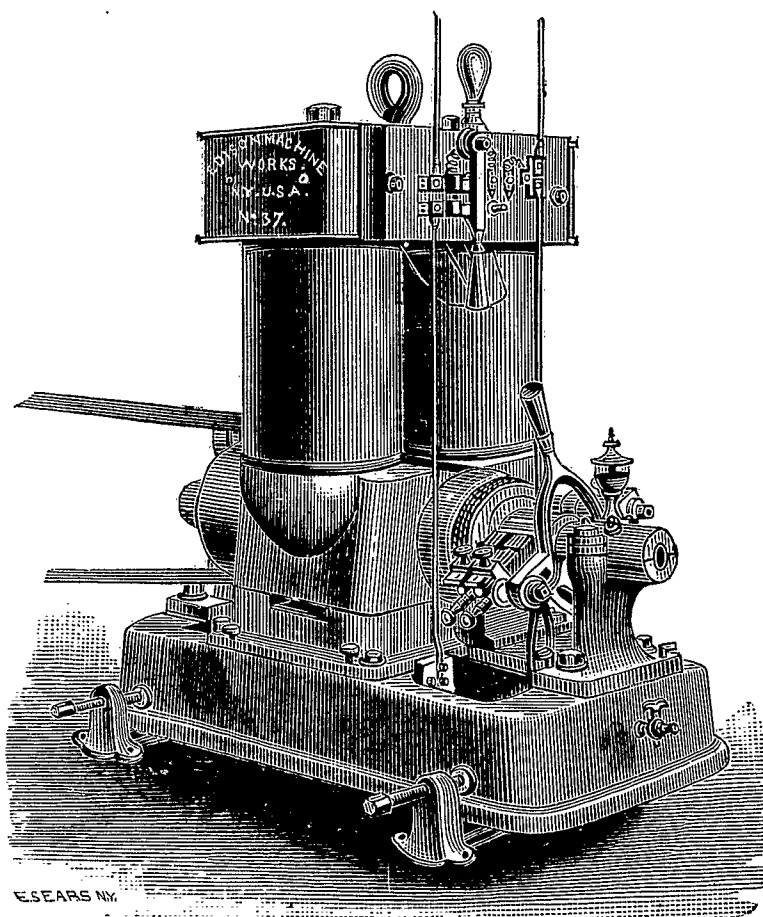
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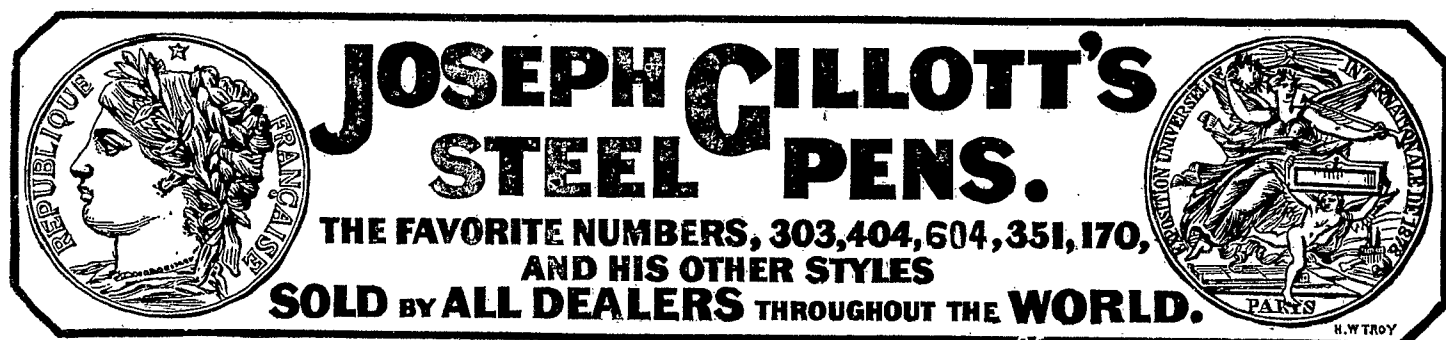
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