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A DISCIPLE OF DR. NOTT.

Some Reminiscences of a Member of the Class of '53.
—Interesting Recollections about Professor Gillespie and Dr. Nott.—Professor John Foster Urged to Become the Biographer of Union's Famous President.

I have been greatly interested in Robert C. Alexander's recent contributions to THE CONCORDIENSIS under the caption, "The Wisdom of Dr. Nott." It was hard to realize at first that any student or *alumnus* of Union College should need to be told what were the peculiar matter and methods of Dr. Nott's teaching, but when I call to mind the fact that it is now 40 years since the class of '53 enjoyed the advantages of his instruction, and that three-fourths of a generation has passed away since Dr. Nott's death, I no longer wonder that time has obscured, to some extent, the luster of such an extraordinary character and that this generation should need to be reminded that such a remarkable genius once actually lived and was the President of Union College. What now strikes me as remarkable is that fuller accounts of his sayings and doings have not been committed to print. The brief biography of Dr. Van Santvoord tho' valuable, is too brief and incomplete. A four years' course at Union College when he was at his best—only one year of which was under his immediate instruction—furnished insufficient data to enable any one of his mere disciples to gain a full and satisfactory history of the man and of his work. He was the Socrates of modern times, and I can think of but one man now living who is fully equipped to write his "*Memorabilia*," and that one man is Prof. John Foster. Could he not be persuaded to round out a long and useful life by becoming the Xenophon

or Plato of his illustrious coadjutor and chief?

When our class graduated in 1853, Dr. Nott was 80 years old and had long since passed the meridian of his glory. Tho' his mind was still vigorous he was greatly hampered by the gout and it was with difficulty he could move about the premises. During the two years we were in West College we seldom saw him—never in the class room, and but very few times at chapel service. When we saw the pony and three wheeled cart approaching we knew that some deviltry had been going on among the boys and expected a revelation; for he had acquired such a reputation for vigilance and for ferriting out mischief that we all believed him to be ubiquitous and almost omniscient. Altho' Dr. Nott was in his decline, we knew the faculty of Union College as a whole, was up head, and in that respect, that no other college in the world could compare with it. The President had shown great sagacity not only in the government of the Institution but in the choice of his co-workers. Between 1849 and '53, Taylor Lewis, Laurens P. Hickok and Elias Peissner were added to the faculty. These intellectual giants added to such men as Isaac W. Jackson, John Foster, William M. Gillespie, Jonathan Pier-son and others there before them, made up a faculty of which any institution might well be proud. Peissner was then a tutor and spoke broken English. He was said to have been one of the German Patriots in the uprising of 1848, who, like Carl Schurz, Frank Sigal and a host of other noble spirits, fled from their Fatherland when the rebellion had been suppressed, and Mr. Peissner was soon afterward discovered by Prof. Foster in one of the broom-corn fields along the Mohawk—One of the greatest discoveries of modern times.

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when I entered, and by his peculiar talents and general ability had acquired the respect and affection of the students. But it had not always been thus; for we had a tradition handed down by the preceeding classes that he was once the butt of the boys, and the latter were at first forced to respectful conduct in his presence by the determined attitude of Dr. Nott. Prof. Gillespie, as I remember him, was a man of small stature with a very large head. He appeared to be at home among books but lost among men. His motions and general appearance were very awkward and peculiar. When sitting he never crossed his legs but sat with his feet flat on the floor, his body erect, apparently stiff and his whole appearance statuesque; and when he had occasion to look to different parts of the room he turned his whole body and not his head only as others would have done. Added to all this, he had an impediment in his speech which seemed to embarrass him very much. The boys had a lurking suspicion that he was not fully orthodox in religion, or at least, they believed he thought more about Geometry than Grace, and behind his back they called him Prof. Geodesy. We observed that at chapel in the morning, or just before (our first recitation was at 6 o'clock, A. M.), he appeared nervous and uneasy until the door separating the two adjoining class rooms opened and the professor who performed chapel service took his position there with his Bible in hand to engage in that duty. The tradition ran, that on one such occasion the chaplain expected did not put in an appearance and after waiting long Prof. Gillespie went and opened the door to suggest to the chaplain the propriety of commencing the duties of the day; but what was his mortification when he found the boys in the other room were running wild with no professor to restrain them or lead in prayer. Prof. Gillespie was always at his post and punctilious in the performance of every duty that might legitimately devolve upon him,

but he had never acted as chaplain. As that service was now in the apparent line of duty he seemed bound to assume it and accordingly planted himself in the door-way with Bible in hand, and after reading a short portion of Scripture opened to at random in his excited state of mind, he began to pray somewhat after this manner: "W-we th-thank th-thee O G-God for th-thy g-gentlemanly conduct in pre-serving our l-lives through another n-night." The Methodists never had a prevailing influence in Union College and shouting at chapel service was very uncommon, but at this point in the professor's prayer the emotion of the boys could not be restrained and they not only shouted but cheered him lustily. When the fervor of their emotion had somewhat subsided Prof. Gillespie turned to the boys and said: "E-excuse me young g-gentlemen, I n-never pr-prayed in my life."

Afterward Dr. Nott put in an appearance at chapel service and reprimanded the students roundly for such blasphemous discourtesy to Prof. Gillespie. While the Dr. was bearing down on them in this way one of the boys broke in by saying, "Dr. Nott, Prof. Gillespie hasn't got common sense." The Dr. turned to him and said, "young man you will find that Professor Gillespie has a great deal of very *un*-common sense."

Dr. Nott's instruction was calculated to call out and develop manhood and whatever else of true nobility there was in his pupils. To this end all of his efforts were directed. Instead of cramming and relying on text books he urged his pupils to think for themselves and criticise books. Kames' Elements of Criticism was nominally his text book, but he criticised Kames as much as Kames criticised other authors, and we sometimes thought he used Kames more for a target than for a text book.

The first lesson of self reliance he gave our class was in failing to assign us a lesson. When first called into his class-room in our

first term senior, he gave us a very pleasant talk on the subject of criticism, explaining the objects of the study and remarking on the pleasure he expected to enjoy with us in its pursuit during the term, and after thus entertaining us for half an hour or more said, "now young gentlemen, you may go." At which the boys gave to each other significant winks, intimating that the Dr. had forgotten to assign us a lesson. Some of the class acted on that supposition and made no preparation for the next day. But when again assembled in the class-room on the morrow Dr. Nott went to work in dead earnest and said: "The young gentleman sitting at the head of the class (he could never call us by name), may rise and give an analysis of the subject for to-day's lesson." It so happened that "the young gentleman sitting at the head of the class" had made no preparation and he said, "Why Dr. Nott, you did not give us a lesson yesterday." At which the Dr. put his spectacles back on his head as if in blank astonishment and said, "Why, young gentlemen, you are now seniors and supposed to be men. It was not necessary or proper that I should assign you a lesson. Your own sense of duty to yourselves should have taught you to prepare for recitation without my telling you to as one would needs do to little children, or even to freshmen. I shall have to mark your standing accordingly. The next young gentleman will please rise."

Such was the nature of his instruction throughout. He constantly urged upon us self reliance and the importance of using our own faculties in the search for truth, and not rely upon what others may have said or taught on any subject, however distinguished those others may have been; and to keep constantly in view the relation of facts to principles. That *truth* should be the great object of our search, and everything—our prejudices, our confidence in other men, and even the apparent testimony of our senses should be questioned in the search of truth;

and when found we should "take truth for authority, and not authority for truth."

JOHN G. GRAY, '53.
Ellenville, N. Y., March 20th, 1893.

THE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

A business meeting of the Christian Association was held in Prof. Hoffman's room on April 5. A letter was read by President Hoxie from Geo. A. Hall, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and it was decided to send a delegate to the State convention of College Christian Association Presidents, to be held at Syracuse April 16. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Emmett Sloat, '94; vice-president, R. Harmon Potter, '95; secretary, J. A. Collins, '95; treasurer, G. L. Van Duzen, '96. The entertainment which was to have been held on Washington's Birthday has been abandoned and a "stag party" is to be held in its stead, sometime in the early fall. Hoxie, '93, was requested, in behalf of the association, to thank the ladies who so kindly worked for the success of the postponed entertainment.

Crawford, '95, was appointed to see if arrangements could be made for sending a few Union men to Northfield, Mass., during the coming summer. The association is prospering nicely and expects to continue its good work more energetically than ever during this term and next year.

AN ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The Prohibition club will hold an oratorical contest in May to select a man to send to the inter-collegiate contest to be held in Syracuse in June. Among those who will participate in the local contest are Clowe, '93, Cass, '95, Mallery, '96, Briggs, '96, Tillapaugh, '96. The subjects of the orations are optional with each speaker but must be on some phase of the prohibition question and from a prohibition standpoint. The officers of the club are as follows: President, C. W. Clowe, '93; vice-president, Richard Van Busekom, Jr., '94; secretary, H. M. Pollock, '95; treasurer, Allen Tillapaugh, '96.

Alumni Allusions.

OBITUARY.

Dr. Henry DeGroot, '40.

A press dispatch from San Francisco under date of March 28, says: Dr. Henry DeGroot, well known all over the Coast as a mining expert, was killed to-day in Alameda by a railroad train. He was seventy-three years old and extremely deaf, so he did not hear a local train approaching as he stood by the side of the track, reading a newspaper. The locomotive hit him, causing concussion of the brain. Dr. DeGroot did more than any other man to spread the news of Marshall's gold discovery in California. He was born in Schenectady, N. Y.; was graduated from Union College and studied law and medicine, but finally drifted on *The New-York Tribune*. When the news came of the gold discovery at Coloma, Horace Greeley decided to send a representative to California, and De Groot was chosen for the mission. He came here in 1848, verified the news of the discovery, and returned to New York, with the determination to bring his family to this Coast and make it his future home. This resolution he put into effect; and on February 28, 1849, he arrived here on the steamer California. He had a checkered career, making and losing several fortunes.

Death of Lewis C. Platt, '41.

Mr. Platt died suddenly at his home in White Plains on March 13, 1893. He was born in North Castle, Westchester county, March 13, 1817, and entered Union College where he graduated with the class of 1841. He never tired of talking of the "forties of Old Union," and telling the stories of Dr. Nott. He was a member of the Sigma Phi and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities and it was a rare pleasure to listen to his reminiscences of the Adelphic hall. It was a pet theory of Mr. Platt that William H. Seward learned his statesmanship from Dr. Nott. Last spring he started for Commencement and after spending two or three days in Schenectady was surprised to learn that he was a week ahead of time, and returned home saying that he did not enjoy the Commencement as much as he did his fiftieth anniversary. Few men of Westchester county ever had a stronger or more devoted following. In early life he was a Whig and by that party was elected Surrogate of Westchester county in 1846. Subsequently he became a Democrat and for the last twelve years has been Supervisor of the town of White Plains, without opposition. He has long been regarded as authority on surrogate practice. His wife was Miss Popham, of Scarsdale. Several sons and daughters survive him, among them the District Attorney of Westchester county. Mr. Platt was emphatically a man of the people. Honorable in his profession, sincere in his friendships, devoted in his loves.—I would lay this simple wreath on the new-made grave of one of the noblest men I ever knew.

WILLIAM A. JAYCOX, '87.

'48.

Mr. Erastus Corning and family, of Albany, sailed last Tuesday on the North German Lloyd line for Europe. The party expect to be gone several weeks.

'56.

Edward P. North has an important article in the *Social Economist* for March, criticising the deductions of President Eliot, of Harvard, made in his recent article, "Wherein Popular Education Has Failed."

'61.

Eli Perkins—Railroad Porters.

A press dispatch from St. Louis, under date of March 13, said:

Melville D. Landon, better known as "Eli Perkins," was one of the passengers on a train leaving Chicago yesterday morning en route to this city. Shortly after leaving Chicago Mr. Landon began a heated argument with the porter of the car. The porter resented the remarks of Mr. Landon, and, in the fight which followed, the lecturer was badly bruised and disfigured. On arriving here the porter was discharged.

'62.

Miss Rose Howe, daughter of Prof. S. B. Howe, was recently married to Dr. Bailey Jameson, at Chester, Pa.

OBITUARY.

Albert Smith, '70.

The death of Albert Smith occurred on the 27th of March, at his residence on Pawling avenue, in the city of Troy, after an illness of about two weeks from pneumonia, which developed into pleurisy. Mr. Smith was born at Rupert, Vt., about fifty years ago, his father being a prominent farmer of the Green Mountain state. His early education was obtained in such schools as the neighborhood of his native town afforded, and afterward at a college preparatory school at Manchester, where he continued his studies until his entrance to Union, graduating in the class of 1870. At college Mr. Smith at once attained high honors, and in classical studies he led his class, winning the prize for Greek scholarship. Shortly after graduation Mr. Smith went to Troy and entered the office of Townsends and Browne, as a student, the firm then being composed of Hon. Martin I. Townsend, Rufus M. Townsend and Irving Browne. During his student life Mr. Smith continued his pursuit of the classical studies, and for a time did considerable private tutoring in Greek. In May, 1878, Mr. Smith, with George B. Wellington and Frank S. Black, formed a partnership for the practice of the profession in which he attained such prominence and success. The firm continued under the name of Smith, Wellington & Black for a little more than a year, when Mr. Black retired, Messrs. Smith and Wellington continuing the practice, which had gained considerable dimensions from the beginning of the partnership.

Mr. Smith did not appear as an advocate, although he was frequently present in court to advise and coun-

sel. As a counselor he achieved his greatest success and won the highest encomiums from his fellow lawyers. In the preparation of suits he had no superior among the members of the Rensselaer county bar, to practice in which he was admitted about 1872. In all cases of a commercial nature that came to the firm Mr. Smith's mind could grasp the salient points at once, and his insight into the intricacies of knotty law problems was remarkable. His well-trained mind was inventive and instructive. He was never at loss for a resource. Three times his connection with important law cases called him to Europe, upon one of which trips he made the acquaintance of the lady who afterward became his wife. Mr. Smith always took a deep interest in educational matters and was a member of the non-partisan school board of the city until its legislation out of existence. He was elected president of the board as a Republican. In the school board Mr. Smith gave considerable attention to the introduction of improvements which would make the schools of the city more efficient, and his service as school commissioner was highly valuable to the city. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, whose maiden name was Haigh, one son, Edward, and a daughter, Bertha. Henry W. Smith, a member of the firm of Smith & Wellington, is a brother of the deceased. Two sisters also survive.

'75.

Rev. Dr. A. V. V. Raymond has been spending a few weeks in Cuba.

'78.

Hon. Everett Smith, of Schenectady, who is at present in Michigan for the benefit of his health, is reported to be much improved.

'80.

The New Manager of the Mail and Express.

Robert C. Alexander has been elected by the trustees of the *Mail and Express* Publishing Company to succeed the late Col. Elliott F. Shepard in the management and control of the *Mail and Express*. The New York papers comment as follows: It is understood that Robert C. Alexander succeeds Col. Shepard in the management and control of *The New York Mail and Express*. The selection is an admirable one. Mr. Alexander possesses first-rate executive abilities, and is as trustworthy as he is capable and experienced. He has long been identified with *The Mail and Express*. For several years he has promoted its interests as secretary and treasurer, and he was the confidential adviser and friend of its late proprietor. Mr. Alexander's record is a guarantee of his future; in the discharge of his new duties he will meet the best expectations.—*Tribune*.

Mr. Robert C. Alexander, secretary and treasurer of the *Mail and Express* corporation, is now actively in charge of that paper. Mr. Alexander was very near to the late Colonel Shepard, and he will follow out the general line of policy that has hitherto been

in force in that paper. Mr. Alexander is a young man, a lawyer by profession and a man of affairs. He brings to his new duties wide experience and great executive ability.—*The Commercial Advertiser*.

It is announced that the *Mail and Express* is to be conducted by Mr. R. C. Alexander. Mr. Alexander is a gentleman of high character and unusual executive ability, and it is to be expected that under his management the *Mail and Express* will render sterling service as an honorable and influential Republican newspaper.—*Editorial—The Press*.

Since the death of Colonel Elliott F. Shepard rumors have been rife about the sale of the *Mail and Express*. The impression seemed to obtain that the property would be sold at an early date, as it was not thought that the family of Colonel Shepard would care to be burdened with the management of it. I am informed, however, that the *Mail and Express* is not to be sold, for the present at least. At a meeting of the editorial council of the *Mail and Express* on Thursday afternoon a letter was read from Mrs. Shepard designating Mr. R. C. Alexander as the future manager of the paper. Mr. Alexander will preside at the editorial councils of the paper; which will be continued as heretofore, and he will exercise the veto power on all questions that may arise. It is understood that he will have entire charge of the management of the property. No change, it is said, is to be made in the policy of the *Mail and Express*. All of Colonel Shepard's peculiarities and fads will be retained and followed.

Mr. Alexander is a young man for such grave responsibilities, but he has given indications that he will be equal to them. He is under 35 years of age, is below the medium height, has a smooth shaven face except a light mustache; and a very modest bearing. Few people connected with the paper knew that Mr. Alexander was treasurer and a director of the *Mail and Express* company. He was educated at Union College, Schenectady, this State, and was graduated from that institution with honor. He is a lawyer, and entered Colonel Shepard's service nine years ago. Mr. Alexander's relations with Colonel Shepard were of a close and confidential character. He drew his will, and for the last few years he has held power of attorney to sign checks and represent the Colonel in his absence.—*Topics of the Moment—The Press*.

'83.

THE CONCORDIENSIS has received a copy of a sermon in memory of Phillips Brooks, preached on January 29, 1893, in St. Peter's church, Beverly, Mass., by Rev. Daniel D. Addison. The sermon was preached by request of the parish.

'89.

The engagement of Mr. Philip S. Dorlon, of Troy, to Miss Lilian Cadby, of Menands, N. Y., is announced.

'90.

Fritz Emmett Hawkes, of Elmira, has been admitted to the bar. He began his legal studies with Henderson & Mandeville, in whose office he will continue. His Elmira friends predict a brilliant future for him in his chosen profession.

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The cheering news comes that President Webster is improving under the influence of the mild southern climate and that he expects to return in time for commencement. He will be very welcome.

The students of the northwestern university, at Evanston, Ill., offered prizes last October for the best composition of a college yell, but nothing acceptable has yet been forthcoming. Union's "hikah" is unexcelled in this line.

What our base ball nine needs more than anything else, and what it has so often lacked in the past, is life. A sleepy team will never accomplish anything. Play ball every minute and not only the pennant but victories in our other games will be ours.

Great pressure on our advertising columns compels us to reserve several important matters for our next issue. Nothing shows the prosperity of a paper better than the advertising. Arrangements will be made in our next number, however, for the usual amount of reading matter.

At Syracuse the faculty appoint a committee from their own body to secure subscriptions for the base ball nine and to "co-operate with the students in their efforts to support a creditable base ball club." Here is a pointer for another faculty. We expect to see base ball at Syracuse take a boom.

George H. Clute, '90, writes from Canaan, Conn: "Enclosed please find my subscription for one of the best college papers published." The same mail brought the following from Robert Clements, '91: "The board certainly deserve high credit and praise for the excellent paper they send out."

There are yet three numbers to be issued to which freshmen competitors for positions on the board can contribute. The contest is close and may be decided by the work in these numbers. Five men will be selected by June 1; three of these will be selected June 1, 1894, and two on June 1, 1895, who will act as editor-in-chief and literary editor in 1895-96. The best men will be chosen. Show the committee what you can do.

We learn from the Troy daily papers that the two upper classes of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute will survey a new railroad in the Adirondacks for the Delaware & Hudson company. The journal adds that the services of the students are gratuitous and that they board themselves and bear all other expenses. Unless we are misinformed Union men are in the habit of receiving compensation in such cases but we should naturally expect that the situation would be materially changed at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

THE CONCORDIENSIS for a second time broke all the Union college records for enterprise in journalism by issuing an extra with a full account of the mid-winter meet and the cremation on the night of March 17th. The papers were on sale two hours before the first of the Schenectady dailies was issued. Indeed one of the local papers used a portion of the account in THE CONCORDIENSIS for their own account. Both local papers commented favorably on the enterprise of the college periodical. As formerly, so in the future Union shall be represented in journalism by the best that money and work can produce.

The *Mail and Express* will be under the management and control of Union's youngest trustee, Robert C. Alexander, in the future. He was chosen as the most suitable person to succeed the late Col. Elliott F. Shepard. The same energy and business ability which has characterized the work he has done for Union college, will doubtless put the *Mail and Express* still further in advance of its contemporaries in New York city journalism. Every Union man will rejoice in the wise selection of the trustees of the *Mail and Express* publishing company and those who know the history of Union college in the immediate past and how much of its advance is due to Robert C. Alexander, will be able to realize how much concentrated ability, if we may use the phrase, now presides over the destinies of the leading evening paper of New York.

The general sentiment among the students is that in the management of athletics the undergraduates themselves should have supreme control. This feeling has been strengthened of late by various circumstances which need not be mentioned here. The proposition to give the Advisory Board power to nominate candidates for foot ball manager and base ball scorer was opposed by a large number of underclassmen, who probably had

a vague idea that they were going to lose something by the innovation. This same opposition would doubtless make itself felt if any movement were made to increase the power of the advisory board. Notwithstanding, it seems to us that something must be done to assure the trustees and alumni that the management of athletics at Union is on a scientific basis. Success depends not only on the athletic material in college, but on the cordial co-operation of the trustees and alumni. That much is becoming more and more evident. If these two classes of men were assured that they were represented in the control of athletics by men of experience and years, men whom they knew and trusted, the call of the base ball manager for funds would be answered much more quickly and generously.

The only and the best way to accomplish this is by giving the advisory board complete supervision of the athletic interests of the college. The plan which we shall outline here is favored by one who has the advancement of athletics at Union at heart. The board as at present constructed has little or no real authority. Those alumni members who live outside the city of Schenectady are, as far as value in giving advice is concerned, mere figureheads. Before they can be consulted the necessity for consultation has passed away or a new emergency has arisen. It is very seldom that they can spare the time to come to a meeting of the board. In the place of the non-resident alumni three Schenectady alumni could be elected. The faculty representation should also be increased to three, chosen by themselves. The faculty would be morally bound to support the action of their colleagues on the advisory board. These six men, together with the three representatives from the students would constitute a body easily called together and one upon which the students could rely to do what would be for the best interests of the college. This board should have power to make dates for games,

obtain coaches, secure subscriptions and the thousand and one other things which must be done in the management of college athletics. The details would be delegated to the student manager of the team, but always subject to the approval of the entire board. We believe that under this plan trustees, faculty and alumni alike would take an active interest in athletics, and that some such arrangement would contribute largely to the future prominence of the college in this department.

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THE MIDLAND SEA.

Yesterday's Lecture by Dr. Wells.

The attendance at the opening lecture in the current history series by Dr. William Wells yesterday afternoon was not as large as usually greets our popular professor's talks. The students were well represented but the townspeople were conspicuously few in numbers. It is expected that as the season advances more of the Schenectadians will take advantage of the opportunity to become well informed on topics of present interest.

The general subject for the lecturer this term is "Northern Africa and Moorish Spain" and the particular subject yesterday was "The Basin of the Midland Sea."

Dr. Wells opened his lecture by saying he would begin where he left off last year, at the mouth of the Nile, on the coast of the great inland sea. This sea is the great road for all the nations that border on its coasts. It includes some of the most interesting and wonderful islands in the world. The surrounding countries have intensely interesting histories and separate lectures will be devoted to Morocco, Algiers, Tunis, Malta and Cyprus.

From the earliest times all nations have desired to control the Mediterranean Sea, as the possession or control of that body of water gives immense political power and importance. The Egyptians, Assyrians, Phoenicians, Greeks and Romans, all in turn endeavored to attain that end. The latter eventually succeeded and were accustomed to call the Mediterranean, "Mare Nostrum." It was for a time a Roman lake. At the present time France and England desire above all things to control the Mediterranean. France because of her possession of northern Africa and England because of her Indian possessions. Before the Suez canal was completed and the English were obliged to go around the Cape of Good Hope to reach India, the Mediterranean was not so important to them, but at present it is essential to the continu-

ance of British supremacy in India that they have free passage by the nearest route.

At the great international convention in Berlin after the Crimean war Lord Beaconsfield was next to Bismarck, the most important man. "He came, he said, to secure peace with honor and he returned with peace in his mouth and Cyprus in his pocket." That island would be of great advantage to England in case they were crowded out of the Suez canal. It is but 10 hours sail to the Syrian ports and the latter might form the basis of a land communication with India. For the same reason that England secured Cyprus she now occupies Egypt. Incidentally it is of great advantage to Egypt.

The Levant is the term used to comprise those countries bordering on the Mediterranean to the east of Sicily. Alexandria, Athens, Jaffa, Beirut and Smyrna are all ports of the Levant. The Orient is a broader term and includes especially the Mohammedan east. The Levantines are not the natives but strangers, mostly Italian, French and Spanish. They go under the name of Franks, but are not mainly French as many wrongly suppose.

The Black sea is so-called in contradistinction to the Aegean which the Turks call the White sea. The Mediterranean itself is blue in color. Russia is continually quarrelling with Turkey as to an outlet from the Black sea to the Aegean.

It has been stated that the Mediterranean is a tideless sea. This is true in part. At Marseilles the cholera raged so violently last summer because of this very reason. The city drains into the sea and because there is no tide to purify the water, it becomes a source of great danger to the city's health. There is a constant current flowing into the Mediterranean from the Atlantic and the surplus takes the place of the vast amount of water lost by evaporation.

The Mediterranean is not as is commonly supposed a peaceful sea but is disturbed by

two violent winds: the Mistral and the Sirrocco. The former is a north wind and the latter a scorching south wind. The Swiss say that but for the Sirrocco their land would be a waste of eternal ice.

The subject of the lecture to-morrow will be "The shores of France and Italy."

THE UNION-WILLIAMS MEET.

The Union-Williams meet will be held at the Ridgefield athletic club's grounds in Albany, May 17th. The events will be as follows: 100 yards dash; 220 yards dash; 440 yards run; 880 yards run; 1 mile run; 1 mile walk; 120 yards hurdle race; 220 yards hurdle race; 1 mile bicycle race; running high jump; running broad jump; standing broad jump; hammer throw; shot put; pole vault. The meet will be held under the rules of the I. C. A. A. A. There will be three places:—first, will count 5; second, 3; and third, 1. Medals in gold, silver and bronze will be given for each place respectively. The entries will be limited to five men from each college in each event. The committees are as follows:—From Williams, Bacon and Schank; from Union, Fox, Daley and Baker.

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April 13—"Siberia."

April 14—James O'Neill, in "Fontelle."

April 17—Keene, in "Richard III."

April 18—W. J. Scanlan's play, "Mavourneen."

April 19—Julia Marlowe, in "As You Like It."

April 22—"A Fair Rebel."

April 24—"Police Patrol." A sensational police play.

April 26—"Power of the Press." The great American drama, under the management of Augustus Pitou. Two car loads of scenery. Probably the biggest production ever seen in this city.

April 27—Helen Barry, in "A Night's Frolic."

April 28—"Blue Jeans;" Joseph Arthur's great play. The piece has played more return engagements in New York city than any other piece ever produced. This is the big No. 1 company.

May 1—Richard Golden, in "Old Judge Prouty."

May 6—"Hoss and Hoss." The Nancy Hanks of all great comedy organizations, with the quaint comedian, Willie Collier. Now playing at Bijou Theatre, New York.

Locals.

Burgin, '95, is ill with typhoid fever at his home.

The copy for '94's *Garnet* is in the hands of the printer.

S. W. Skinner, '95, spent the Easter vacation in Boston.

The freshmen decided not to have a plug hat parade this year.

Morey, '93, has been ill for a few days during the Easter vacation.

Ward, '96, who returned to his home the latter part of last term is again on the hill.

J. S. Collett was lately the guest of Renwick, '96. He intends to enter Union next fall.

H. D. Cordovez, '93, will spend a portion of the spring term at Fort Plain in the furniture factory.

Clinton W. Clowe, '93, was the Prohibition candidate for mayor of Schenectady at the last election.

G. H. Miller, '94, and A. DeV. Baldwin, '94, spent last Saturday on Saratoga lake duck shooting.

Myers, '96, who won the most points for his class at the last meet, has been presented with the gold medal.

Babcock, ex-'93, has left the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he has been a student since he left Union.

Dr. William Wells lectured on "Mexico" at the State Normal College in Albany on Tuesday evening, April 4th.

Stanley Patrick has registered for the class of '97. He spent a few days in the college as the guest of Tillapaugh, '96.

It is the intention of the athletic association to broaden, as well as to improve in many other respects, the college track.

Cottrell & Leonard, of Albany, will present a handsome cup to the college winning the greatest number of points at the Williams-Union meet to be held at Albany on May 17th.

The junior hop committee announce a hop for Friday evening, April 14, at Fuller's hall. Gioscia, of Albany, will furnish the music.

Clarke Day, '95, attended the ball given by the Misses Hamilton, of Smith College, on last Tuesday evening, at Greenwich, N. Y.

The class base ball directors held a meeting Thursday and arranged for a schedule of games. The dates are given in our calendar.

The executive committee of the Christian Association met on Friday last and arranged for the series of meetings to be held this term.

The closeness of the scores between '95 and '96 at the mid-winter meet arouses great interest in the outcome of the annual spring meet.

The tennis association intends during the spring term to have a handicap tournament. That of last fall was so successful as to warrant a repetition.

The tennis courts will soon be in such a condition as to allow of use. Tennis will, in all probability, share in the recent athletic advance of the college.

Professor Maurice Perkins analyzed the stomach of Herman Parkhurst, the child alleged to have been poisoned at Hagadorn's Mills, Saratoga county.

News has been received that the Yale Law school nine have given up their New York state trip and that the game scheduled here for June 6 is cancelled.

General Daniel E. Sickles will deliver the next Butterfield lecture Friday afternoon. His subject is, "The Politics and Diplomacy of President Lincoln's Administration."

The question for debate at the Philomathean society for Saturday, April 15th, is, "Resolved, that a ship canal across the state of New York would be advantageous."

Dr. William Wells gave a talk on Constantinople, illustrated by photographs, before the Society to Promote Useful Reading at the Y. M. C. A. rooms last Saturday afternoon.

H. W. Fox, '93, has been appointed by the president of the New York State inter-collegiate athletic association a member of a committee which is to secure a correct list of the records of the association.

E. D. Lines, '93, manager of the championship foot ball eleven, spent the Easter vacation in New York. After his return to college he was taken sick with typhoid fever and was removed to the Ellis hospital in Schenectady. His mother is in the city.

The teachers' class will meet Wednesday and Friday afternoon's at 3:30 o'clock. Health talks will be given Friday evenings at 7 o'clock. The subject for next Friday evening is "Endurance; how to cultivate it for athletic sports" and "The Influence of Tobacco on the heart." All interested are invited.

The athletic team is working in the gymnasium every afternoon from five to six. They were able to get out of doors Wednesday for the first time this season.

The following men will enter the 10th Battalion games in Albany April 26: Baker, Shalders, Allen, '95, McEwan, Melius, Myers, Van Duzer, Roy and Twiford.

A very pleasant social was held in the chapel of the First Presbyterian church last Thursday evening which was attended by a large number of college men. Strong, '96, received a prize for answering the greatest number of conundrums. A violin solo by Eames, '95, and a few remarks by Prof. S. B. Howe, '62, were among the pleasing features of the evening's entertainment.

ANOTHER LECTURER.

Gen. Butterfield, in his travels in foreign lands, still keeps up his interest in the Butterfield Lecture Course. In ancient Athens he ran across Prof. J. Irving Manatt, LL. D., U. S. consul at Athens for the last three years, who next fall returns to America to assume the chair of Greek and Ancient History in Brown University. Prof. Manatt will deliver a lecture in the Butterfield course on the "Methods of Education in Ancient Greece."

THE MUSICAL SOCIETY CONCERT.

The Musical Society gave an invitation concert in the chapel Friday evening. Four members of the college glee club—Messrs. Gillespie, A. J. Braman, S. T. Braman and Loebenstein—and Mr. Charles Ehricke, the violinist, assisted. The audience was very select and comprised many of the prominent society people of Schenectady.

All the numbers were well rendered and deserved the applause they received. "Beware" by the college glee club, the "Magic Song" by Miss Jennie Yates, and the violin selections by Mr. Ehricke were especially well received. The St. Cecilia Society merited the encore they received for their rendering of "The Torrent" and "Santa Lucia."

The programme was as follows:

- German Round No. 4. Piano Duett... *M. Maszkowski*
Miss Virginia Young and Mr. W. F. Rost.
Summer Night, Op. 51..... *Niels W. Gade*
St. Cecilia Society.
My Lover Will Come To-day..... *R. DeKoven*
Mr. Edward Gillespie.
Sonate for Piano and Violin, Op. 13, Moderato-con-Moto—Finale..... *A. Rubinstein*
Miss Young and Mr. Chas. Ehricke.
Beware..... *Williams*
Messrs. E. Gillespie, S. Braman, A. Braman,
C. Loebenstein.
Magic Song..... *E. Meyer-Helmund*
Miss Jennie Yates.
(a) The Torrent..... *A. W. Marchant*
(b) Santa Lucia, Neopolitan Air..... *Wm. Rees*
Saint Cecilia Society.
Ballade et Polonaise Op. 38..... *H. Vieuxtemps*
Mr. Chas. Ehricke.
(a) The Triton's Song..... *Taylor*
(b) Good-night Beloved..... *Pinsuti*
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20.	Saratoga....	Schenectady
24.	Williams.....	Williamstown
29.	Colgate.....	Schenectady
May 2.	C. C., New York....	Schenectady
4.	Hobart ...	Geneva
5.	Rochester.....	Rochester
6.	Syracuse.....	Syracuse
8.	Cuban Giants ...	Schenectady
10.	Syracuse.....	Schenectady
13.	West Point.....	West Point
17.	Stevens.....	Hoboken
18.	Fordham.....	New York
19.	C. C., New York.....	New York
20.	Columbia.....	New York
22.	Hobart.....	Schenectady
26.	Stevens.....	Schenectady
June 1.	Rochester.....	Schenectady
7.	Hamilton.	Gloversville
9.	Colgate.....	Hamilton
10.	Hamilton.....	Clinton
14.	Williams.....	Schenectady

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Philomathean Literary Society elected the following officers Saturday morning: President, Richard Van Busekom, Jr.; vice-president, W. L. Lawton; treasurer, N. I. Beckwith; secretary, Frederick Klein; judicial bench, Allen Wright, L. McClintock, C. W. Crannell; executive committee, Sloat, Streeter, Hall; curator, G. E. Pollock.





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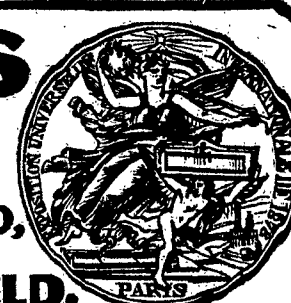
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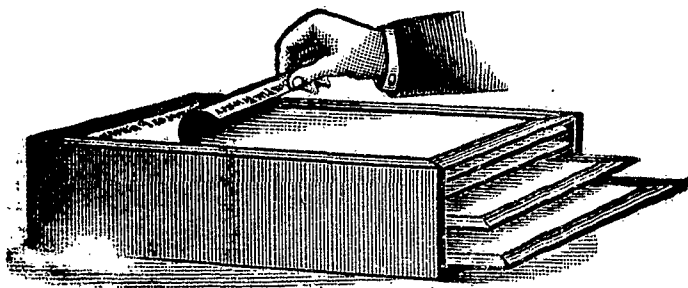


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