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## Professor Ashmore's Second Letter.

" \* \* \* Since I last wrote I have been busy with a variety of things—all tending, however, in one direction, the study of the past. One acquires in Rome, almost unconsciously, the habit of valuing everything by a single standard, the standard of age. It is a bad habit, in my estimation, and yet a difficult one for some people to shake off. The German Archæological Institute here is doing a good deal of work just now. Prof. Hale put me in the way, the other day of hearing a discussion between Petersen, Man and Hulsén on the subject of the wall-paintings in the palaces of the Cæsars, of which large remains have been brought to light on the Palatine Hill. Not an uninteresting feature of the occasion was the presence of the great Theodor Mommsen. I never saw him before, and though he did not speak, he is quite a curiosity to look at; a small man with a big head and a very prominent nose. He is seventy-six years old, and went to sleep while the gentlemen I have mentioned were talking. All the same, he is to the rest of the men of his class, and in his sphere of labor, much the same that Gladstone has been, or Bismarck, in the domain of politics—distinctly a leader.

Prof. Hale brought with him several of the young students of the school. A large part of Hale's work as director of the school is to arrange for just such opportunities as this for his pupils. For example: They were treated to a course of topography with Hulsén in October and November; they are taking a course now in Numismatics with an Italian specialist at the Vatican, and another course in general antiquities, art, &c., with Petersen. The latter gives his talks at the museums. I have been to one or two of them. He was lecturing on the Diocletian Museum a week or two ago (one a week), and at present is engaged

in explaining the casts at the Lateran, taken from the reliefs on Trajan's Column. These casts are attached to the walls of two immense halls in the Lateral Museum, and run twice around each hall. The reliefs are remarkable, as you probably know, not only for their beauty but for the minute details of Roman life—especially camp life—which they illustrate. A course in palæography also, at the Vatican, by a man I do not know, has been thrown open to the students of the school, and this also has to be scheduled for them. Consequently their hours each day are well filled in, and they seem to be exceedingly busy and hard at work. Prof. Hale has spent a great deal of time in arranging for all these things, and has had hard work sometimes in his efforts to overcome the difficulties which beset the path of any man seeking access to privileges usually accorded only to those who are willing to pay for them. He has been very obliging to me, and has thrown many things in my way which I could not have secured without his help. He does very little teaching himself. He has not time for it, but this month he has undertaken to give some instruction in epigraphy in the *Galleria Lapidaria* at the Vatican. His class meets him there twice a week, and he holds a bona fide recitation on the text of the stones collected there. This immense collection was made by an archæologist named Marini during the last century. The stones are let into the wall, which in this way is covered with inscriptions from end to end. The gallery is about five hundred feet in length. Moreover, the inscriptions are arranged in groups, or classes, according to their character, which renders them especially available for teaching purposes, and to study them thus in the stone is more satisfactory, for several reasons, than to work at them in the books, though the two methods may well be and are combined. Prof. Hale allows me to meet him on these occasions, and I have enjoyed the work exceedingly. \* \* \*

### The College Fire.

At about eleven o'clock Tuesday evening, March 17, the inhabitants of Schenectady were startled by the sounding of fire alarms and the students at the college were aroused from their diligent work over text books by the crackling of flames. Looking from their windows the house of Dr. John Foster at the north end of the terrace was discovered to be in full blaze. A crowd of neighbors and students soon assembled and hastened to save the contents of the house.

The fire was caused by the dropping of a lamp by Dr. Foster while ascending the stairs to his room. The oil from the lamp ran into the cracks between the boards and over the stairs so that the fire quickly spread, getting under the floor and thus defying all efforts made to extinguish it. Seeing that the fire was beyond control the inmates called for assistance but were unable to make any one hear. It was several minutes before help could be summoned from Mr. Benedict's and by that time the fire had spread greatly. Owing to a disarrangement of the fire alarm box at the corner of Foster avenue, valuable time was lost in sending in an alarm. It was at length accomplished, however, and within a half an hour or more the fire department had arrived on the scene. But the neighboring hydrants were either frozen or stopped with mud so that no water could be obtained until two companies had coupled their hose and found a distant hydrant. All this time the fire was burning furiously and had reached the attic and was bursting through the roof. Such a long stretch of hose and such small water mains effectually relieved the pressure that the pumps at the waterworks were exerting, and the stream which issued from the nozzle was so feeble that the pipeman was able to place his finger over the nozzle in order to make a spray. However a ladder was erected against the front wall and two firemen dragged up the hose and the muddy liquid issuing from it. A few minutes was spent on the ladder and then the attention of the companies was turned to saving the woodshed, the only part of the building not on fire. So the work of extinguishing went nobly on until the

fire had burned itself out and had left behind a few portions of brick walls and chimneys.

All this time, however, many willing and eager hands had been at work saving the household goods. Everything in the lower story was carried out in safety; but no one was able to go to the second floor because the fire had started on the stairs. Dr. and Mrs. Foster escaped safely but lost all of their clothing, saving not even a hat or cloak. The building was insured but the contents had no insurance.

The destruction of this building will certainly bring a sigh of regret from a great many, especially of the older alumni. The building was one of the first to be erected, being built in 1814. Until 1860 it was known as North College Boarding House. It was then refitted and has since been the residence of Dr. Foster. Around that building cling many memories of the past. It was one of the places that alumni delighted to visit. Though remodeled, the building was the same in which the boys used to assemble three times a day; there were the same old walls, the same rooms, the same great brick oven in the kitchen; there could be lived over again many of the scenes of college days. And besides this, for the past thirty-five years it has been the home of one of Union's most popular professors. Everyone extends his sympathy to "Jack" Foster in the loss he has sustained. One day the old house was a pleasant home, the next, four blackened walls awakened all the memories of what had been.

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### Query.

Did you ever notice this:  
 When a fellow steals a kiss  
 From a righteous little maiden calm and meek,  
 How her Scriptural training shows  
 In not turning up her nose,  
 But in simply turning round her other cheek?  
 —*Cornell Widow.*

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Prof. Pepper gave an address before the Society for the Promotion of Useful Reading on March 20, his subject being "Spain."

### The Mid-Winter Meet.

The annual mid-winter meet of the Athletic Association was held at the Centre Street Opera House on the evening of March 13. The building had been very prettily decorated with bunting and flags for the occasion. The meet was a success from every point of view, and reflects much credit to the manager and the committee of arrangements. Every chair and all available standing room was occupied by interested spectators, who displayed great enthusiasm as one after another event was run off.

Never since athletics have been introduced at Union have so many new records been established at a single meet. In the mile walk, the first event of the evening, Cotton, '97, clipped 11 seconds from the college record, reducing it to 7 min. 42 3-5 sec. Then Taylor, '96, put the 25 yards dash at 3 2-5 sec. Following closely on the excellent exhibitions of speed, Kilpatrick appeared in the mile run and lowered his indoor record for that distance to 4 min. 51 2-5 sec. In this event Wright, '99, proved himself to be a runner of much prominence. Sands, '98, and Cregan, '99, ran well in their respective events, the quarter and half, but were not pushed to make record time. The field events were also closely contested. Myers carried off the honors in the shot put, and broke his recent Cooperstown record by putting the 12 pounds shot 42 ft. 10½ in. The running high jump was prettily contested by Campbell and Pildain, the former winning with the bar at 5 ft. 4½ in.

The class competition for points was spirited throughout, and was closed with the following results:

CLASS.	POINTS.
'98.....	347 7-15
'96.....	274 1-2
'99.....	158
'97.....	67

The best individual record was made by Myers, who earned 70⅔ points, and retained his title of college athlete. Kilpatrick was next best, with 63¼ points, and Campbell third with 51¾.

The summary of events was as follows:

1. Mile walk—won by Cotton, '97, time 7 min. 42 3-5 sec.; second, Todd, '97; third, Vroman, '98.
2. 25 yards dash—won by Taylor, '96, time 3 2-5 sec.; second, Myers, '96; third, Sands, '98.
3. 440 yards run—won by Sands, '98, time 1 min. 4 3-5 sec.; second, Sommer, '98.
4. 880 yards run—won by Kilpatrick, '98, time 2 min. 9¾ sec.; second, Cregan, '99; third, Sommer, '96.
5. One mile run—won by Kilpatrick, '98, time 4 min. 51 2-5 sec.; second, Wright, '99; third, Hartnagel, '98.
6. Putting 12 lb. shot—won by Myers, '96, distance 42 ft. 10½ in.; second, Taylor, '96; third, McMillan, '98.
7. Running high kick—won by Myers, '96, distance 8 ft. 11 in.; second, De Yoe '98; third, Fisher, '98.
8. Running high jump—won by Campbell, '96, height 5 ft. 4½ in.; second, Pildain, '96; third, Hinman, '96.
9. Fencing—won by Anthony, '96; second, Swann, '98; third, Merriman, '98.
10. Club swinging—won by Fisher, '98; second, Ketchum, '90; third, Cullen, '98.
11. 25 yards hurdle—won by Myers, '96, time 4 sec.; second, Crothers, '98; third, Vroman, '98.

The officials were as follows: Referee, Dr. J. L. Patterson; judges of field, F. H. Bowman, Columbia, '92, Prof. Hoffman, Prof. Mosher; judges of track, Prof. Bennett and W. S. McEwan, '95, and W. L. Campbell; timers, A. J. Dillingham, '88, Gillespie, Med., '96, W. E. Underhill; measurers of jumps, Prof. Walker, Herring, '96; starter, Dr. C. P. Linhart; scorers, Williams, '97, Herring, '97; clerks of court, Beattie, '96, Holcombe, '98; judges of fencing and club swinging, Lieut. James Andrews, R. J. Landon, '84; marshals, Anthony, '96, Multer, '97, W. C. Yates, '98, Kellog, '99.

The committee was composed of Myers, '96, Herring, '97, Allen, '98, and Hinman, '99.

'99 has finished reading Livy and will take up Tacitus next term.

### Y. M. C. A. Presidents' Convention.

There will be a meeting of students interested in the Young Men's Christian Association work in colleges and universities at Schenectady, April 9th to 12th inclusive. The organizations in Harvard, Yale, Brown, Amherst, Williams, Columbia, Cornell, University of Toronto and all other institutions of higher learning throughout New England, New York State and Canada will be represented by their presidents. Besides the regular delegates the following well known national secretaries will be present, who will preside at the convention and direct the general business: F. S. Goodman, G. A. Beaver, E. L. Hunt, G. S. Eddy and W. H. Salman.

The delegates will be the guests of the college association and will be entertained at the Edison hotel and by the families in the different churches of the city. A reception will probably be given to them on one of the afternoons, to which the faculty and students will be invited.

All the public meetings of the convention will be held in the chapel and the business meetings in Professor Hoffman's room. The public meetings will be of interest and give promise of much enthusiasm.

The various fraternities of the college will entertain any of their members who may be present as delegates, thus adding a pleasant social feature to the occasion. The convention will be an excellent thing for the college and the local association merits the hearty co-operation of the entire student body.

**BASE-BALL.** — The students who intend playing base-ball this season can secure catchers' mitts, fielders gloves, ball shoes and other base-ball supplies from Hegeman, '99, who represents Hulbert Bros. & Co., of New York, dealers in all kinds of Athletic and Gymnasium goods.

Besides the samples of base-ball goods he has also samples of sweaters, running pants, running shoes, shirts, etc. The fellows should look at his samples and order their athletic goods from him.

### International Olympic Games.

The International Olympic games will be held at Athens next April. To defray the expenses of this great contest a fund of \$193,000 has been raised in Greece itself and a Greek merchant of Alexandria, named Averoff, has contributed 600,000 drachmae for the purpose of rebuilding the Panathenaic Stadion. This vast structure will be capable of seating 70,000 spectators. The sides slope up to a height of sixty to eighty feet and the arena, in the shape of a horse shoe, is 670 feet long and 109 feet wide. A part of the Stadion will be finished in marble in time for the games next spring and the rest in wood. It is the intention of Mr. Averoff to have the entire structure ultimately constructed of Pentelic marble at his own expense. From its position between two of the lowest spurs of Mount Hymettus it commands a magnificent view of Athens and the surrounding country. The foot races and gymnastic contests will take place in the Stadion and there also will be finished the 26 mile race from Marathon in memory of the runner who died in his effort to bring to Athens the news of the Persian defeat. The bicycle races will be held on the Phaleric plain which is situated half way between the city and the seashore. The swimming and rowing will be contested on the Phaleron and the yacht races in the Saronic gulf. The Crown Prince and his brother are deeply interested in the enterprise, the king having promised to award in person the silver olive wreaths. Grand torchlight processions and illuminations will be held and a series of representations of dramatic masterpieces beginning with a tragedy by Sophocles and ending with Wagner's "Lohengrin," will be produced. As a closing selection, a special Olympic hymn, written by a modern Greek composer, will be sung by an immense chorus of over 1000 voices.

The Freshmen have finished "*Trois Contes Choisis par Daudet.*"

The Freshmen work in English for next term will consist of recitations and lectures with Dr. Reeves.



## Here and There.

## A JOKE (?)

"The Union College students were quickly on hand, last night, and saved quite a number of valuable articles from Prof. Foster's residence. They got out all his best books and several pieces of furniture from the burning house before the fireman began playing, among the latter a piano-forte, which it takes a good deal of well applied strength and coolness to handle, in such an exciting scene. The students, being good musicians, were horrified at the idea of the firemen attempting to play on it."—*Schenectady Daily Union*.

'Tis well that Bill Nye is dead. If it were not so, he would be forced to give up all claims to the "prince of jesters," and the palm would surely go to the *Daily Union*. Since Bill is gone, the *Union* wins in a walk, and we hail thee, moon, as the greatest of all wits among the heavenly spheres. Our sensibilities for jokes may be handicapped, but before we could quite see the point we were compelled to resort to the X ray process of photography. Finally the joke was revealed, slowly to be sure, but we are now ready to announce to those readers who should happen to come across this, that it is truly a joke—a real, funny joke—such as we generally find in the *Union*, only on a little different line, as it usually speaks of men "throwing fits," etc.

We are also glad to note that the *Union* does give the students a little credit for something, even if it is down in one corner of the paper, away from the account of the fire. After all that could be rescued had been brought out by the students and the house was all burned, then the firemen came and tried to destroy what had been saved by running over everything with hose-carts. They even tried to run over the same piano-forte.

## SCHENECTADY FIREMEN.

The recent fire had its humorous incidents as well as its pathetic side. Usually there is nothing about a fire that arouses one to laughter; to see a home destroyed, to see firemen risking their own safety for the sake of another's property is anything but funny. But the fire at the college was different; there were firemen there holding a hose from which squirted water, to be sure, but the exciting scenes of the risk of life and limb were looked for in vain. And yet on second thought there was a daring performance; two men, chiefs of the departments we should judge from the distinguished look they bore, ascended a ladder leaning against the front of the house and stood there until the roof fell; the object of such action we

cannot tell, but it was heroism at any rate. These same chiefs bore with them their insignia of office—white coats, big rubber hats and lighted lanterns. It was interesting to notice the care with which these last appendages were guarded; when the fire was at its height the chief's lantern was extinguished; horror was then depicted on every countenance, the firemen were almost stunned at such a dire calamity. What was to be done?—the chief's lantern was in darkness! Then it was the first fireman rushed to the rescue; the chief was stupefied by the accident, but the brave first fireman seized the lantern, lighted a match, and before the gaze of and the enthusiastic applause of the multitudes, while the house was wrapped in flames and the country for rods around was brilliantly illumined by the conflagration, then the daring thoughtful man lighted the lantern and all was happy once more.

## American College Relay Championship.

Union has received an invitation from the University of Pennsylvania Athletic Association to take part in the great relay races to be held in Philadelphia on April 25. The races are open to all American universities and colleges, and the preparatory schools in or near Philadelphia, and it promises to be the greatest event of the kind in the history of college athletics.

In the team races, four colleges, as evenly matched as possible, will toe the mark, and this arrangement will be almost certain to make close finishes in every event. To the college winning, a banner will be presented, and to the individual members of the winning team, gold watches; while the members of the team finishing second will receive silver cups. In case only three teams start in any one class, the cups will be the first prizes, and no seconds will be given out. In addition to these four team races, there will be one race open to all, which will be to decide the American College Championship. Harvard and Pennsylvania will enter this race; perhaps Yale and Princeton, and probably several of the other colleges, so that it should be the greatest relay race ever run.

Union is preparing to send a team, and it should make a good showing. We have several men who are able to run the quarter-mile in fast time, and the Union team should be able to easily outrun its three opponents, Dartmouth, Amherst and Williams.

### The Gloversville Concert.

The members of the Musical Association will long remember their trip to Gloversville and speak of it in glowing terms as it was enjoyable from start to finish.

The clubs left Dorp on Friday afternoon at 1.40 o'clock and after a two hours trip, made most enjoyable by mirth and music, they arrived in Gloversville. On an excursion of this character there is usually one man who is so unlucky as to figure prominently in some incident that is a great source of amusement to the others. As one of the fellows aptly expressed it, "somebody must be *it*." Our party proved to be no exception to the rule, as this role was well taken by a rosy cheeked "trummer" of the guitar, whose series of mishaps began by the loss of his hat while oscillating between the "smoker" and the coach occupied by the clubs. On consulting the manager it was found that the "properties" of the association did not include a supply of derbys or beavers; but it did not become necessary for the unlucky one to protect his chestnut tresses from the Gloversville zypfers with a knotted handkerchief, as the flannel cover from a piccolo banjo was found to make a most servicable artistic covering for his dome of thought. As the clubs passed along the streets many inquiries were heard concerning "the fellow with a tail on his cap," and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that he was the funny man. However, this condition of affairs did not last long, or the manager was moved by the blushes and entreaties of the wearer of the cap with a tail, to stop at the nearest hat emporium and purchase a "fudora," which will hereafter be carried by the "property man" in case of a similar emergency.

After the fellows had been assigned to their rooms at Hotel Windsor, and had tried the acoustic properties of the opera house, they were treated to a sleighride by Mr. Albert Banker, '90, in order that they might see the sights, and by an occasional yell let the people know that the Union College Musical Association was in town.

The concert was billed to commence at 8:15

o'clock, and promptly at that hour the first number on the program was sung by the Glee Club.

The audience which greeted the clubs was not large, but it proved to be most appreciative and responsive as every selection was enched enthusiastically. The members of the association may well be proud of this, their first appearance for the season, as every selection on the program was rendered in a finished manner that reflects great credit to the individual members, and especially to Mr. MacMahon and Mr. O'Neill, the respective leaders of the Glee and Instrumental clubs.

After the concert the Eccentric and Elks clubs were "open house" to the members of the musical association; and a reception was tendered them by "The Tuesday Afternoon Club," in Mill's Hall. It is impossible to describe the royal entertainment which the young ladies of this club gave to the members of the Musical Association.

But the appreciation of the fellows is best expressed in the words of one of our gallant beaux, who said: "It was the finest dance given by the finest ladies club that has ever entertained Union College students." The "Tuesday Afternoon Club," to whom the members of the Musical Association desire to extend their most sincere thanks for such an enjoyable evening, is composed of the following young ladies: Miss Shotwell, Miss Berry, Miss Leonard, Miss Van Gorden, the Misses Taylor, Miss Whitney, Miss Sweet, Miss Mason, Miss Treadway, Miss Ward, Miss Johnson, Miss Eisenbrey, and among those present from out of town were Miss Argersinger and Miss Leavitt, of Johnstown, and Miss Eaton from Little Falls.

The following college men accompanied the clubs on the trip: Campbell, '96, De Graff, '96, Hall, '99, Pruyn, '99, and Tucker, '99.

The following ladies were the patronesses of the concert: Mrs. John R. Berry, Mrs. Sherwood Haggart, Mrs. J. H. Bellinger, Mrs. W. C. Mills, Mrs. William McDonald, Mrs. Alexander Orr, Mrs. Seth Burton, Mrs. J. C. Allen, Mrs. J. B. Stone, Mrs. Frank Burton, Mrs. P.

R. Furbeck, Mrs. John Burr, Mrs. Charles Hill, Mrs. S. H. Shotwell, Mrs. John Edwards.

The following program was rendered:

#### PART I.

1. (a) UNION BESIDE THE MOHAWK VALE, *C. E. Franklin, '83*  
(b) SIMPLE SIMON, *J. C. Macy*  
GLEE CLUB.
2. (a) KING COTTON, *Sousa*  
(b) SWEET AND LOW, *Barnby*  
MANDOLIN CLUB.
3. FRESHMAN QUARTETTE—FAIRLY CAUGHT,  
MESSRS. GREENE, HINMAN, MACMAHON, EAMES.
4. (a) POLISH DANCE, *Weinowski*  
(b) TOBACCO, *Chadwick*  
MANDOLIN CLUB.
5. HONEY MOON MARCH, *Rosey*  
BANJO CLUB.
6. BA-A BA-A BLACK SHEEP, *Wise*  
GLEE CLUB.

#### PART II.

1. CREOLE LOVE SONG, *Smith*  
GLEE CLUB.
2. BASS SOLO—Selected.  
MR. F. C. MACMAHON.
3. QUARTETTE—Selected.  
MESSRS. TALBOT, GREENE, HILD, MACMAHON.
4. (a) CRADLE SONG, *Hausser*  
(b) LITTLE ALABAMA COON, *Starr*  
MANDOLIN CLUB.
5. ROMEO AND JULIET.  
MACMAHON, HEINZ, BEATTIE.
6. FLEMISH DANCE, *Bonheur*  
BANJO CLUB.
7. (a) TERRACE SONG, *Fitz Hugh Ludlow, '56*  
(b) DRINKING SONG,  
(c) SONG TO OLD UNION, *Fitz Hugh Ludlow, '56*  
GLEE CLUB.

### Local and Personal.

Barnes, '95, attended the mid-winter meet.

Prof. Truax lectured at Salem, N. Y. last Friday.

Cox, '95, visited his brother, Cox, '98, a few days last week.

Dillenbeck, '99, who has been ill for several days, is out again.

Guernsey, '99, has returned, fully recovered from his recent illness.

Haviland, '98, spent Sunday, March 15, at his home in Glens Falls.

W. L. Sawyer, '95, of Sandy Hill was in the city a few days last week.

C. E. Smith, '99, has returned to college fully recovered from his late illness.

Bonesteele, '99, has recovered from a long illness and is on the hill again.

VanVranken, '96, has been elected a member of the Holland Society of New York City.

At a meeting of the Freshman class held Friday, March 13, it was decided to adopt a new yell.

President Raymond during the latter part of last week visited the Northwestern Alumni at Chicago.

The mandolin club was given a reception by Mrs. Smitley of upper Union St., on Tuesday, March 10.

Peter Deyo, the well known sprinter, formerly Williams '97, represented the Albany papers at the mid-winter meet.

President Raymond was among the speakers at the 39th anniversary of the Albany Business College held March 11.

George E. Pollock, president of the college Y. M. C. A., delivered an address on March 15 to the young men of Amsterdam.

Wilson, '99, who has been in the Bermudas for a short time on account of ill health is now at his home in Buffalo, and will return to college next term.

At a meeting of the Adelpic Society held last Friday afternoon the following officers were elected: President, J. G. Hilton, '96; vice-president, A. M. Blodgett, '97; secretary, P. Nelson, '98; treasurer, W. E. Merriman, '98. The subject for debate was: Resolved; that England's policy in China and India during the last century has been in accordance with the highest interest of civilization.

An inter-scholastic athletic meet under the direction of the Union Classical Institute will be held in the Centre Street Opera House, Friday evening, March 27. The Albany High School and the Troy High School and Academy have accepted the invitation to participate, and each will send a strong team to defend the honor of its school. Last year at a similar meet held in Albany, the U. C. I. won the most points; John Cregan, '99, who is now in college winning the honors.

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WE WISH you all a merry spring vacation, and may everybody come back to college feeling invigorated after the few days of rest.

THE COLLEGE catalogue for 1896-97 is out. At this late date we are unable to publish a review of it, but it may be expected in our next issue.

DR. AND MRS. FOSTER have the sympathy of the whole college in the recent loss of so much of their property through the burning of their house. It is no doubt a sad blow to them in their advanced years. The college also loses a sacred land-mark. The building had lived nearly as long as the college itself, and it seems too bad that it should have been so destroyed.

WHERE is class spirit? Is it all dead? Judging from the little episode that occurred after college meeting last Friday morning, we should say that it is. When nearly the whole of the Freshman

class will stand by or sneak out of sight while the Sophomore class pelts with snow-balls and rolls in the snow the few that are brave enough to stand up and refute the onslaught, and even its president refuse to lead a yell, it looks as if the pluck or the true spirit of that class is gone. When, oh when, shall this come to an end? *O tempora, O mores.*

THE STUDENTS have been notified by the president of the athletic board that unless their subscriptions are paid in by April 10 the present schedule will be cut down and possibly all the games cancelled. There is no money at present in the treasury, and the board refuses to allow any game until the money is on hand to meet the expenses. The students still owe on their subscriptions over \$400, and it is a shame that they will not pay up what they owe so that the season may be a success. "A word to the wise is sufficient," and if you want a base-ball team pay up at once.

THE '97 GARNET makes its appearance this week. The general make-up of the whole book is fully as good, if not better, than any previous issue, and reflects great credit on the board of editors as well as the publisher. The printing and binding has been done by Mr. Chas. Burrows, of this city, who also issues THE CONCORDIENSIS, and is an extremely creditable piece of work in every respect. Considering that the whole GARNET has been printed and bound in about one-half the usual time, our readers can appreciate what the above expression of our opinion means to the printer, who has had to "rush" the work in order to finish it before vacation.

IT is very gratifying to the student body to know that the concert given last week by the musical clubs was a great success. The men on the clubs have worked hard and conscientiously in order to make the organization a strong one, and Manager Clowe has done all in his power to put out clubs that would be an honor to the name of Union. The efforts of all have been well rewarded, and it is hoped that when the concert is given in this city the first of next term the boys will be greeted by a large audience. A good musical organization is a good advertisement for a college, for it appeals to a class of people that many other things would never reach. Union's clubs have made a good start. May their other efforts be crowned with the same success.



WE WOULD like to impress upon the minds of the Freshmen who are trying for positions on the editorial board of THE CONCORDIENSIS the importance of doing more work than they have in the past. A few have been very active, but they are very few. "If a thing is not worth working for it is not worth having," is a good rule to follow, and it has no exception in the present case. If you expect to get an appointment you have got to work for it, and the more work you do the better are your chances for editor-in-chief in your Senior year. The competition should be a close one; it should not be a walk-over for a few men. Get to work, do some hustling, and the men who deserve the appointments will get them.

THE PRESENT week finds the whole college in the midst of examinations. Friday the term ends and the spring vacation begins, and to all that vacation will be a welcome one. The winter term is always a hard one; for the opportunities for doing work are better, and more work is given in consequence, but the present term seems to have been even harder than all previous ones. More work has been expected, and the manner in which it was done has been very gratifying, especially to the faculty. The students have responded nobly to the call, and in the class room the standard was never higher at Union than it is to-day. That it is a sign of the advancement of the college cannot be doubted, and that advance is bound to continue as long as the present circumstances exist.

WHO SAID that Union could not put an athletic team in the field under the existing faculty restrictions? If any one should happen to run up against him just point out to him the results of the mid-winter meet on March 13, as found in other columns of THE CONCORDIENSIS. Did not records go to smash, and were not better results made than in any other indoor meet ever held at Union? We think, if you look the matter up, you will find that our statement is true. If those facts show that Union cannot put a team in the field, we are very much mistaken. The prospects for a good team were never better, and the men are already in excellent condition to begin their outdoor training. As soon as the weather permits Captain Myers and his men will be on the track, and results unlooked for will be in order. One thing we are sure of, every man is going to do his best, and before June we can show to the college world that athletics are not quite dead at Old Union.

THE PERCENTAGE system that is now being used by the college to determine the class supremacy in athletics may be all right, but its results are sometimes surprising. This was especially so in the mid-winter meet on March 13. At that time the Senior class won, out the twelve events, seven firsts and four seconds, while the Sophomores won only three firsts and five seconds, yet it seems that the latter class, according to the reckoning, was given the meet by a large majority of points. Where the justice in such a result come in we fail to see. While we admit that the system calls out many men who are not very good in any event, it seems too bad that men who are superior to these must be pushed to the wall, their class with them, just because more have entered from the first class. If a class wins a number of events, she ought to be credited with them, no matter whether one man or a dozen helps in the winning. The system, of course, has a good side to it, for it calls out men who otherwise would not take part; but it seems that some compromise ought to be made between the two extremes.

### Removal.

[Air—Terrace Song].

Oh, shall we go to Albany,  
Or shall we stay at home?  
Shall we work for others' good,  
Or shall we seek our own?  
A hundred years has Union stood  
Down in her Mohawk home,  
A hundred more her sons shall see  
Upon her seats of stone.

### CHORUS.

Thou grand old seat of stone!  
Thou jolly seat of stone!  
In Albany there ne'er can be  
A grand old seat of stone!

Could John Boyd Thatcher take us there  
We'd surely suffer harm.  
We'll never leave our pasture green  
For any poor-house farm.  
The idol in our classic grove  
No other shrine shall own;  
Old Union's songs we'll sing nowhere  
Save on our seats of stone.—CHORUS.

M. H. STRONG, '96.

## ALBANY MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The following Juniors have been appointed by Grand Marshall Clark to act as ushers at the '96 commencement: Bates, McClintock, Parsons, Sheehan, Slocum and Wilber. Those from '98 are Vander Veer and McMillan.

The Dr. Albert Vander Veer Medical society met last week. President J. M. W. Scott called the meeting to order. A paper on "Insanity and Its Treatment" was read by E. J. Collier, A. B., '96. H. L. K. Shaw, '96, and J. W. Travell, A. B., '97, took up the discussion. A paper on "Acute Mania" was read by Frank McLean, Ph. G., and was discussed by C. J. Slocum, '97, H. L. K. Shaw, '96, and E. J. Collier, '96. A vote of thanks was given Messrs. Collier and McLean for their able papers. The executive committee presented the following names for membership, and they were elected: E. A. Vander Veer, Ph. B., F. Jansen, Ph. B., Cull and Leak, '98. The following are the newly elected officers: H. O. Brust, '97, president; W. J. Sheehan, '97, vice-president; C. G. Cole, '97, secretary; E. A. Vander Veer, '98, treasurer. Executive committee, C. J. Slocum, '97, J. W. Travell, '97, W. R. Miller, '98. The retiring president, Mr. J. M. W. Scott, read the work of the society for the past year, and retired with a very able speech. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Scott for the good work done by him during his term as president.

### College of Pharmacy Commencement.

The fifteenth annual commencement exercises of the Albany College of Pharmacy were held March 17. The valedictory oration was delivered by James W. Houston, and the prizes awarded were as follows: Christian G. Hacker of Albany received twenty dollars in gold for passing the best final examinations in the Senior class, with honorable mention to L. D. Larkin and A. W. Davenport; Morey J. Malcolm re-

ceived fifteen dollars in gold for passing the best finals in the Junior class, honorable mention being given to A. Decker, W. F. French and W. S. Condon. President Raymond then conferred the degree of Ph. G. upon the following graduates: Joseph Arcambault, Cohoes; Milford H. Burt, Bacon Hill; Frank H. Bradley, Albany; Arthur W. Davenport, West Troy; Joseph W. Dessert, Glens Falls; David S. Dorn, Esperance; Thomas J. Galligar, Cambridge; Frank S. Houck, Central Bridge; James W. Houston, Malone; Loren D. Larkin, Plattsburgh; John A. Nitzshmann, Schenectady; Chas. G. Straub, Middleburg; J. Harold Wardle, Hudson; Harry A. Wickham, Albany; Clarence C. Ward, Gloversville. The following officers of the alumni association were then elected: President, C. F. Huntington; first vice-president, W. L. Palmatier; second vice-president, L. D. Larkin; treasurer, C. C. Passenger; secretary, T. J. Bradley; historian, F. W. Shaffer; executive committee, Edward Loeb, Frank Richardson, C. H. Reese, C. H. Sager, W. H. Brush.

After these services at the hall, the alumni association held at the Delavan the fifteenth annual banquet, which was attended by about fifty members. Edward Loeb, '89, acted as toastmaster and called for the following toasts: "Greater Union," Prof. W. G. Tucker, M. D.; banjo selection, H. J. McClure; "The Clergy," Rev. W. F. Whitaker; "Our Annual Reunion," J. H. Barron, '95; recitation, H. J. McClure; "New Remedies," E. F. Huntington, '87; "Class of '96," J. H. Wardle, '96; "Our Ph. G. M. D's," Archibald Gilbert, '89; recitation, H. J. McClure; "Chemistry in Relation to Pharmacy," Professor G. Michaelis; "Bachelor Maids," H. B. Mason, '94; "Pharmaceutical Legislation," Professor A. B. Huested; banjo selection, H. J. McClure; "Parting," J. T. Hogan, '93.

The members of the Society to Promote Useful reading had the pleasure of hearing a paper "The Rise of the Universities," by Prof. Hale, of Union college, last Saturday.

### Press Club Constitution.

At a recent meeting of the Press Club the following constitution was adopted and the officers are now working hard to further its influence at Union.

#### ARTICLE I. NAME.

The name of the organization shall be the Union College Press Club.

#### ARTICLE II. OBJECT.

It shall be the object of the club to foster a literary and journalistic spirit among the undergraduates of Union College, to insure regular correspondents for newspapers of acknowledged standing which circulate among the constituency of the college, and to advance in other ways the interests of the college and its students.

#### ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. At the beginning of each college year the members of the club shall consist of the editors of THE CONCORDIENSIS and all others who have been duly elected.

SEC. 2. Any student of Union who is a regular correspondent of a newspaper of acknowledged standing, shall be eligible to membership.

SEC. 3. All candidates for membership shall be elected by a majority vote of the club.

SEC. 4. When any member who has been elected as the regular correspondent of a newspaper of acknowledged standing ceases to act as such correspondent, he thereby forfeits his membership in the club.

#### ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this club shall be a president, a vice-president and a secretary and treasurer, who shall be chosen at the last regular meeting of each year. They shall serve for one year.

SEC. 2. The president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall perform such duties as usually pertain to these offices.

#### ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. The president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall constitute an executive committee.

SEC. 2. The executive committee shall have

control of the disbursements of all moneys of the club and shall have general charge of its business.

SEC. 3. Special committees may at any time be authorized by the club or executive committee.

#### ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. Regular meetings of the club shall be held on the first Friday of each month of the college year.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may at any time be called by the president or by three members of the club.

#### ARTICLE VII. ASSESSMENTS.

Upon recommendation of the executive committee, a tax may be assessed upon the members of the club by a majority vote of the members present at any business meeting, due notice of which has been given.

#### ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this constitution shall require for their adoption notice at a previous business meeting and a two-thirds vote of the members of the club.

### Shall the College Move?

New York, March 2, 1896.

DEAR CONCORDIENSIS:

Suppose somebody down in Albany *does* criticise your remarks. Stand right up and make 'em all the same. Who in all this world has an interest in Union College if not the students who are a part of it? You have your say and say it warm. Besides you will all be Alumni soon, anyway. Union College belongs right where it is, right where it has been for a century. What would they do with Jackson's Garden, and the campus, and the grove, and the brook, and the woods the brook flows through? What will they substitute for the beautiful view of the valley and the hills? Romance and poetry and all the tender associations of our boyhood—all these things get crowded out of our lives in the struggle for bread and butter. Old Union has lived for a century in environments that can't be replaced elsewhere. The memory of the dead, the heart-throbs of the living, the voices of the past, the hopes of the future, all demand that where her walls have grown gray the Alma Mater remain forever.

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*The Penny Magazine* is the name of another publication which begins its existence with the April number. The magazine contains only short stories, and among the contributors to the first number are Julia Magruder and Maria Louise Pool. All its stories are full of life and literary merit, and are well worth reading. We predict for *The Penny Magazine* a long life—at least it is deserving of it. It is published by The Penny Magazine Co., of Philadelphia, and the subscription price is 25 cents a year.

Another magazine that has been before the public only a short time is *The New Bohemian*. It is a very bright, attractive and interesting publication, and its stories and short poems are always of the very best material. It is progressive and wholesome, and well deserves the great hit that it is everywhere making.

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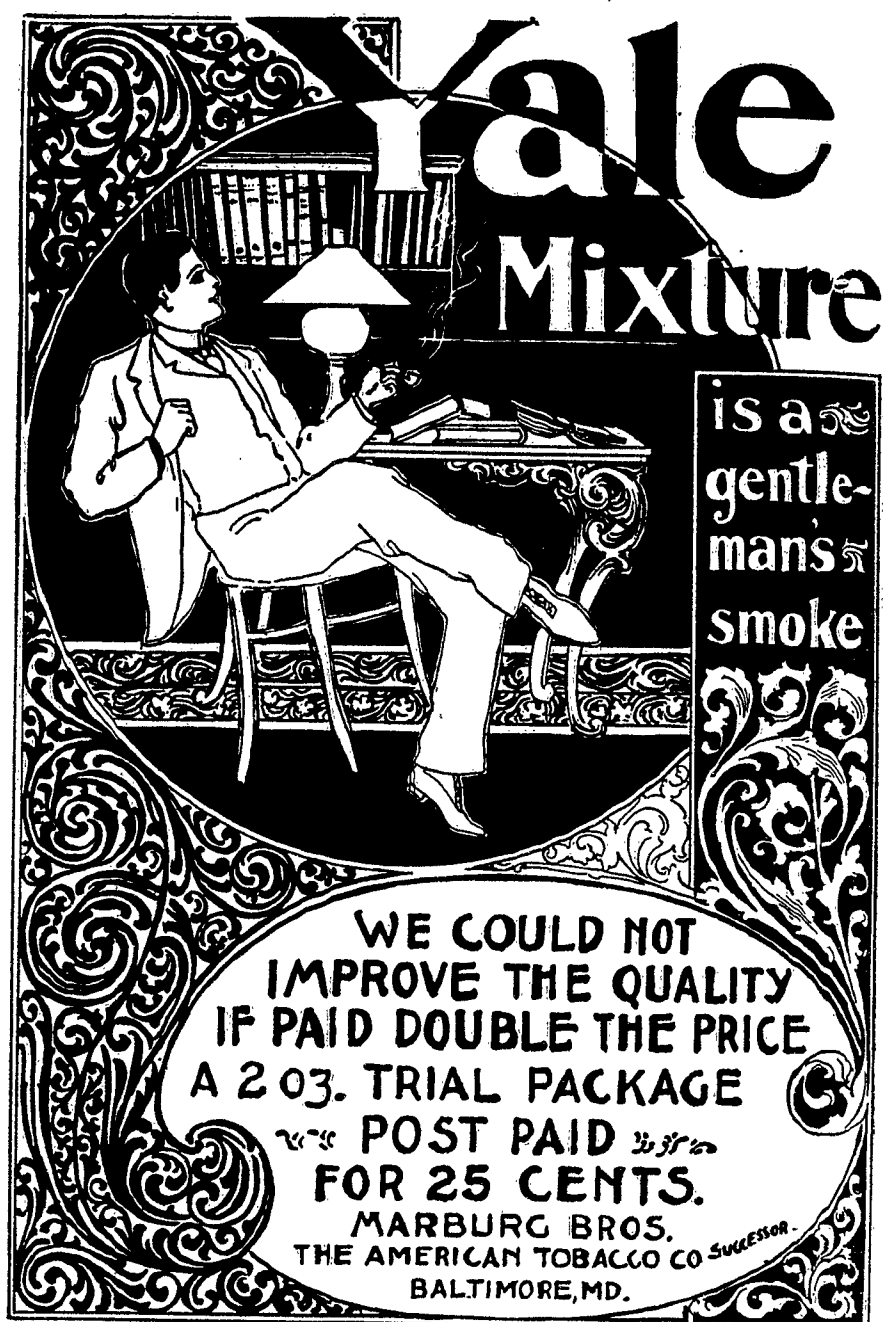
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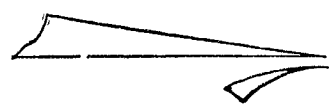
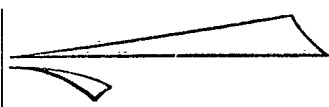


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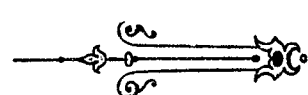
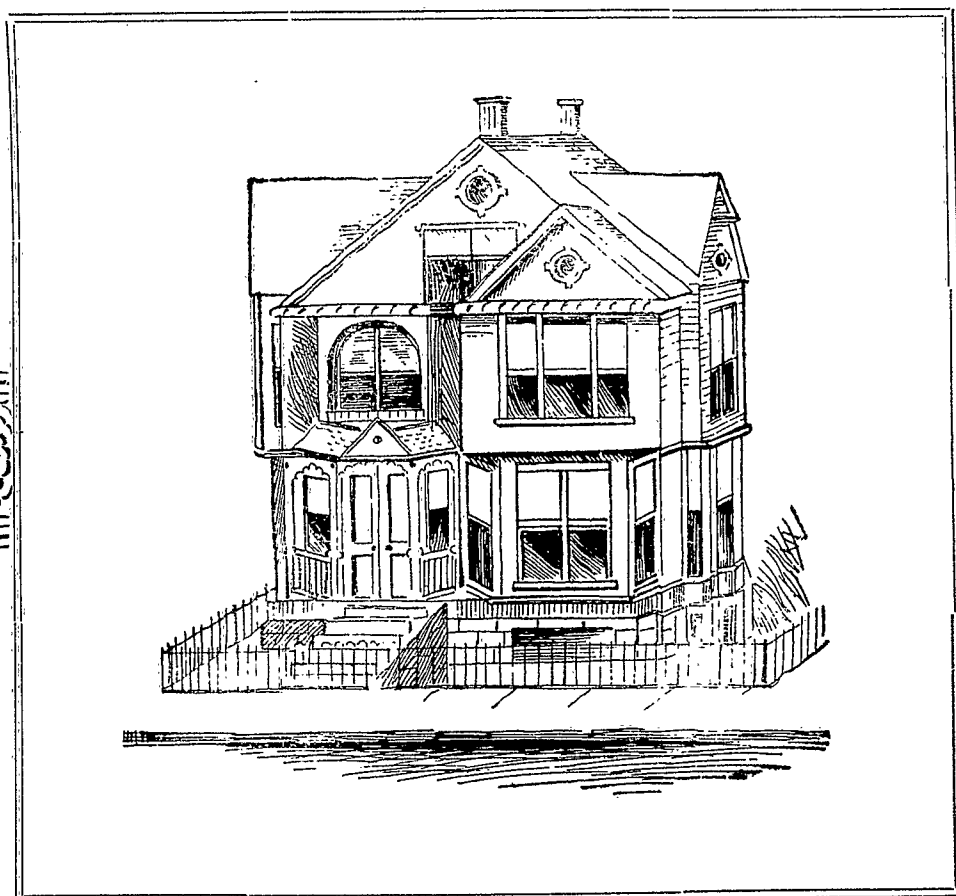
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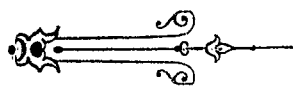
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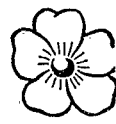
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