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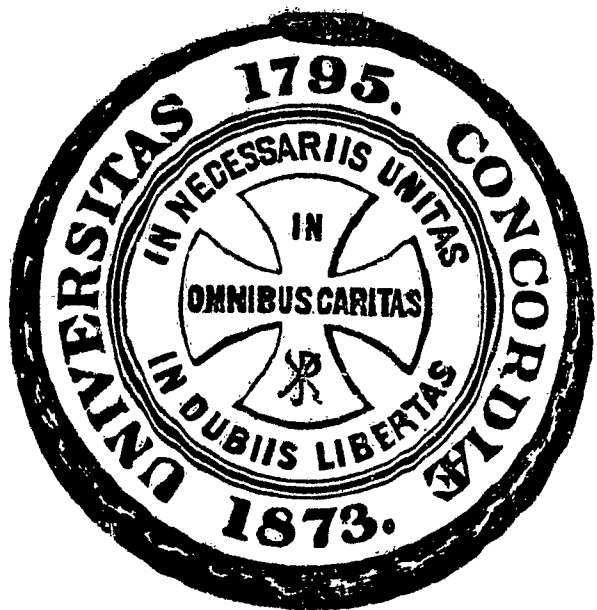
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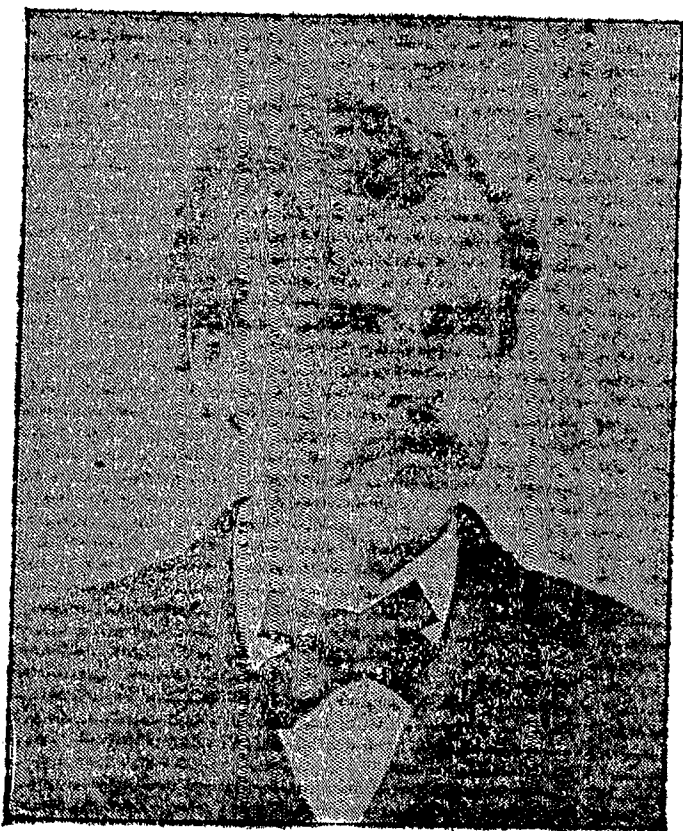


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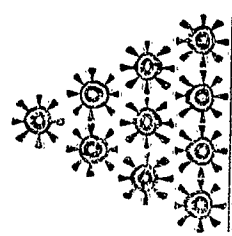


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Jefferson Comedy Co., in "Rip Van Winkle."

FRIDAY, FEB. 24.

Boston Symphony Orchestra.

SATURDAY, FEB. 25.

The New Comedy Drama, "Knobs of Tennessee."
A story of Southern life.

MONDAY, FEB. 27.

Al. G. Field's Minstrels.

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Sophomore Soiree.

Memorial Hall can be heated. Such is the testimony of the sixty couples or more who attended the Sophomore Soiree. The soiree committee, in spite of disheartening predictions of failure, in spite of all the obstacles that the coldest night of the winter could put in the way, has given a successful dance in the "Round Building."

The members of the heating committee deserve commendation for their hard and faithful work. Fires were kept burning continuously for four days with uncertain success and it was feared up to the last moment that the building would have to be given up. In view of this possibility the use of the Alpha Delta Phi house had been kindly offered to the committee and would have been accepted had the "Round Building" been too cold.

When, shortly after nine o'clock, the guests began to arrive, they beheld a pretty sight. The beauty of the building itself was greatly enhanced by the decorations. Streamers stretched clear across the hall and showed to good advantage against the canopy which had been lowered to the floor of the first gallery. The chairs, sofas and rugs which were arranged around the edge of the room gave it a cozy appearance. The ladies' dressing room and also the caterer's stand had been arranged down stairs.

Great anxiety was caused by the tardiness of Gioscia and his musicians. But at last they came and they were right royally welcomed by the impatient dancers.

Dancing began about eleven o'clock and the many handsome and costly gowns, set off by the black suits of the men, made a pretty effect. The dance continued till nearly six in the morning, when the tired but still merry young people reluctantly left for home.

Refreshments were served during the inter-

mission by the caterer, A. L. Owens of Utica, who deserves praise for the excellent manner in which he managed his part of the entertainment.

The patronesses were :

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Those present were :

Mrs. J. H. Stoller, Mrs. O. H. Landreth, Mrs. S. G. Ashmore, Mrs. J. W. H. Pollard, Mrs. W. G. Carey, Mrs. A. J. Dillingham, Mrs. Radcliffe, Mrs. J. W. Strain, Mrs. G. W. Featherstonhaugh, Mrs. Opdyke, Miss Opdyke, Plainfield, N. J.; Mrs. Dauchy, Miss Dauchy, Lansingburgh; Mrs. Woolworth, Miss Woolworth, Watertown; Miss Stover, Miss Kellogg, Amsterdam; Miss Howey, Canandaigua; Miss Fletcher, Texas; Miss Wadsworth, Binghamton; Miss Hildreth, Miss Heywood, Miss Cole, Albany; Miss Burtis, Miss Heatly, Miss Eiler, Miss Copeland, Miss Fitch, Troy; Miss Buden, Cazenovia; Miss Lewis, Saugerties; Miss Beebe, Miss Birchall, Menands; Miss McElroy, Utica; Miss Wrightman, Mohawk, and the Misses Schoolcraft, Strain, Veeder, Cooney, Whitlock, Linn, Schuyler, Miller, Beattie, Strain, Yates, Price, Van Deusen, Watson, Hubbs, Quackenbush, Lee, Dora Yates, Vedder, Truax, Shirland, Susan Yates, Levi, Clute, Harbison, Teller, Campbell, Rost, Tymeson.

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The committee in charge of the soiree to whose efforts its success is due was composed of the following men: G. H. Hackett, chairman; G. B. Collier, C. J. Bennett, J. E. Parker, R. F. Warner, L. J. Weed, H. J. Brown, G. L. Shelley, L. H. Minkin, J. W. Miller, R. H. Robinson.

Now that the feasibility of holding a winter dance in Memorial Hall has been proven, why cannot all of the college dances be held there? The only thing which prevents the building from making an elegant ball room is the lack of a good floor. Crash, at best, is but a poor substitute for a polished wood floor. This defect was the greatest, and one may almost say the only drawback to the success of the soiree. For although the crash had been thoroughly swept and sponged, enough dust was raised by the dancing to make the air decidedly unpleasant to breathe. Great rents were torn in the crash during the dance so that it is now useless for its former purpose. Now is the time to put in a good dancing floor. It is to be hoped that a strong effort will be made to do so.

One thing which made the soiree seem more than ever a college affair was, that even the lights were supplied by the college. Under the direction of Prof. Eddy, wires were strung and connections made with the dynamo attached to the new gas engine which was recently donated to the college by the manufacturers. This was the first attempt to make use of the engine and it proved a complete success, the lights being equal in every respect to those furnished by the city electric light Co.

A party of twenty-five Columbia students accompanied by one of their professors visited the General Electric works the latter part of last week. After their stay here they left for Mechanicsville where they inspected the power station.

Basket Ball.

UNION VS. AMSTERDAM.

The newly organized college basket ball team went up to Amsterdam February 3, and played a remarkable good game against the Y. M. C. A. team of that city. It was their first game and although they did not win it, their playing showed that much may be expected from them in the future. The game was played in the Y. M. C. A. building, before a large audience. It was hotly contested throughout. In the first half Union scored four points on two field goals and two from fouls, while Amsterdam made eight points on four field goals. In the second half, by two field goals and a foul, Union ran up five points, her opponents scoring six on two field goals and two fouls. Union blocked well throughout, but was too slow in passing. The summary follows:

Thebo	} Forwards	Gode
Anderson		Lesnow
Mallery Center	Schumacher
Carver	} Guards	Ehmke
Paige		Schroeder

Score.—Amsterdam Y. M. C. A., 14; Union, 9. Time of halves, 15 minutes.

Referee.—Pollard; Umpire, Kilmer; Time-keeper, Johnson.

UNION VS. FORT EDWARD.

The basket ball game last Friday evening at Fort Edward, between the team of the Saterlee Hose company of that place and the 'varsity, resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 35 to 5. Union put up a hard struggle throughout, but was outclassed by the splendid teamwork of her opponents. Fort Edward's game was unusually good, showing a considerable amount of practice, which was evidently lacking in the collegians. Still, our team played well and not discouraged in the least by their defeat.

A large crowd was present, and it is but justice to say that the visiting team was remarkably well treated. At the conclusion of the game, a banquet was tendered them by the members of the hose company at their house. L. E. Montgomery, an old Union man, presided

and cordially welcomed the visitors. W. J. Smith, '99, Captain Thebo, and D. W. Paige, 1900, responded. Toasts were also given by T. R. Wade and Prof. Wolf of Fort Edward. A musical entertainment followed the banquet. The line up was as follows:

Thebo (Capt.)	} . Forwards.....	{ Hodgeman Ross
Anderson		
Mallery.....	Center.....	Lusty
Carver	} Guards.....	{ Kerins Roberts
Paige		

Substitutes.—Union, Elliott; Fort Edward, Thebo. Referee.—Smith, '99.

The basket ball schedule as at present arranged is as follows:

Feb. 17, Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute, at Troy.

Feb. 25, Watervliet Y. M. C. A., at Watervliet.

Mar. 3, Rutland Y. M. C. A., at Rutland, Vermont.

Mar. 4, Glens Falls Y. M. C. A., at Glens Falls.

Mar. 8 Amsterdam Y. M. C. A., at Schenectady.

Mar. 11, Fort Edward Y. M. C. A., at Schenectady.

Personals.

Turner, '98, was in town last week.

Bonesteele, '99, spent Sunday in Kingston.

Instructor Tracy has been ill during the past week.

James Stewart, ex-1900, was in town Friday to attend the soiree.

Dean Ripton was out of town Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Warner, 1901, has recovered from his illness and is again making recitations.

Geo. C. Perry, '98, spent Lincoln's birthday visiting with Schenectady friends.

Wingate, '97, has superceded Thomas, '98, as principal of the Mont Pleasant school.

Geo. A. Holcombe, ex-'98, is the assistant clerk of bills in the Connecticut state legislature.

Prof. Truax gave the juniors an interesting lecture on Scott and Dickens one day last week.

Dr. Whitehorn has not been able to meet his classes for the past week on account of sickness.

Gillespie, 1902, who went home last week on account of death of his mother, is again on the hill.

A large number of the students heard Dr. Chapman's sermon in the opera house on Sunday evening.

John N. V. Vedder, '95, is professor of Latin and Greek in the high school at St. Johnsville, N. Y.

The Union college quartette, consisting of Fred. C. Green, '99; Harry A. Barrett, 1901; Robert M. Eames, '99, and George M. Wiley, '99, assisted by Harry J. McClure of Albany, gave a concert at Lansingburgh, last Thursday evening.

Preliminary Oratorical Contest.

Tuesday night the competition for the position of Union's representative at the Inter-collegiate Oratorical contest was held at the chapel. The members of the faculty who acted as judges were Dr. Hoffman, Dr. Truax and Dr. Jones.

The first speaker was Hinman, '99 and his subject was, "The Use and Abuse of Power." His principal thought was that the fittest survive, but right and might must go together, else there will be failure. He showed many incidents in history where this was the case and in his last example commented upon the policy which Spain has followed and the results brought about by it.

The next speaker was Rogers, 1900, whose subject was, "What are We Here For?" The line of thought he followed out was that though life is full of sorrow our souls can look forward to a glorious future and for this we should strive. Labor is life's blessing and our destiny here is to work and make the most of opportunities, for repose will come hereafter.

He was followed by Bahney, 1902, who spoke upon "Municipal Reform." He thought that the great need of the times was a Municipal Party which would obtain "home rule" for the cities, since then the responsibilities of the government would rest upon the citizens and all the people must work in unison or else suffer individually.

Dr. Truax speaking for the committee, said that they had some difficulty in making a decision but that they had finally chosen Harold J. Hinman as Union's representative.

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A THING which certainly does not reflect credit on the sophomore class is the fact that only three men outside of the committee supported the soiree. Comment is unnecessary.

WE WOULD like to impress upon all contributors to the Concordiensis the necessity of getting all their material in by Wednesday noon. Assignments done on Friday should be ready to hand in by Tuesday morning at the very latest. In making appointments on the paper promptness will be considered one of the essentials to qualify a candidate for a position.

We urge the freshmen to hand in something every week, even if it is very little. There are quite a large number seeking an appointment and those men will be appointed who are faithful and show that they take some interest in the paper.

A SHORT time ago a committee of students was appointed to confer with the faculty concerning the advisability of changing the hour for college meetings from Monday to some other day when a larger attendance can be secured.

The plan adopted two years ago has failed to produce the results that were expected by its adoption. It was thought that if the first hour after chapel on Monday morning were set aside for college meetings, greater interest would be taken in the meetings. The former plan interfered with recitations and when important business was under discussion, the meetings were prolonged until the hour had almost expired, thus causing recitations of that hour to be abandoned. This difficulty has been obviated by the present plan, but the students have not turned out to college meetings in as large numbers as they did formerly. Almost every man in college used to be in chapel on Monday morning but under the present system there are seldom enough men present to make a quorum for doing business. But the reason for this rests with the men, not with the system. A large number of students live within a radius of twenty-five miles of the college and have been in the habit of going home every Friday. Since there have been no recitations until nine o'clock on Monday, they have not returned until Monday morning in time to make recitations. Under the circumstances it has been easy for these students to obtain excuses for chapel absences, or make use of their bolts on that morning, and the purpose for which the hour from eight until nine was originally set aside has been almost entirely lost sight of.

Of course, if a student wishes to go home every week, that is his privilege, but if we are not mistaken, every student is supposed to be in his place at chapel on Monday morning. If there were recitations immediately after chapel the students would be there, but they do not feel the importance of being present at the college meetings. The meetings cannot be made a success unless all the students attend. The college meeting is the only place where all the students can come together, and express themselves on matters of college interest. It is the place where college spirit should be brewed. All college feeling and opinion should emanate from there. The meetings can be made enthusiastic if all the students are present, but there can be very little enthusiasm when over half the number are absent. The college meeting should be something to look forward to each week;

a place where all can gather at an appointed time and transact college business and rehearse the college songs, and the college and class yells. The meetings ought to be made so interesting that they can be recalled in after years as the most pleasant recollections of college life.

If any plan can be suggested that will bring out a larger attendance we would like to see it adopted. It seems as if any other morning is to be preferred to Monday.

Dr. Chapman's Talk.

In addition to the regular chapel exercises on Wednesday morning the student body had the pleasure of hearing Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, who is holding evangelistic services in this city.

Dr. Chapman took his text from Romans 2:22. "There is no difference." He said there is a difference between the degrees of sin from a worldly point of view, but from a spiritual standpoint all sins are equal. The greatest sin is that of unbelief. Our secret sins are seen by God and counted against us, but He can blot out all if we show a desire to be cleansed.

The only way to come up to God's standard of man is to be led to Christ and through his help do all in our power to attain this standard. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that *whosoever* believeth on him might not perish but have everlasting life."

"*Whosoever*," means each one of us and if we accept him our sins will be pardoned and we shall inherit everlasting life. In conclusion Dr. Chapman said, "May God bless you and give you a happy life. He certainly will give it, if you accept Him."

His remarks were followed by a few in the same vein by Dr. Raymond. Dr. Chapman spoke with his usual earnestness and his words impressed deeply all who listened to him. Of the series of meetings which he has been conducting nothing more can be said, for the amount of good that has been done must be evident to everyone who has had the good fortune to be present at any of the services.

Men of the West.

We sent you o'er the sea,
Men of the West,
To carry peace and industry
To war's unrest.
No grateful homage bound ye there,
Nor honor due;
A sullen land with threatn'ing air
Admitted you.

Ye faltered not at burning sun,
Nor fever's might;
Nor when ye found the task begun
A bitter fight.
Ye toiled amid a people rude,
With patient zeal;
Nor lifted at ingratitude
Th' avenging steel.

A blighted land that could not see
The proffered light;
Nor comprehend that liberty
Of truth and right.
They struck the hand that was their hope
A cruel blow—
The hand that had not stooped to cope
With such a foe.

Ah! bravely then ye bore the blast,
So long foreseen;
Or sighed an exile's death at last,
With heart serene.
We cannot weep at such a death;
Nor toll the bell
While with a deep exultant breath
Our bosoms swell.

We trusted, and were not deceived,
Men of the West:
Ye fought and died as ye had lived—
Your nation's best.
And ye, who live to toil anew,
We trust as well
As those who, faithful, toiled with you
And, faithful, fell.

CHARLES C. BALLARD, '99.

Dr. Jones' class in Sociology are receiving an instructive course of lectures on the evolution of marriage and society. The class have recently purchased a new set of books which they will use on the subject.

A Possibility.

In reply to a letter of Dr. Raymond to Hon. Warner Miller, reminding the latter of his postponed engagement of last year to speak to the students at the Charter Day exercises, the following answer has been received:

New York, February 9th, 1899.

Dr. A. V. V. Raymond,
President Union College,
Schenectady, New York.

My Dear Dr.:

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th, regarding my speaking at the College on February 23d. I do not dare to make a pledge at the present time to be with you on that date, for the probabilities are that I shall find it necessary to be in Washington. As you know, I am looking after the Nicaragua Canal legislation, and as Congress is now considering it I must hold myself in readiness to go to Washington whenever called.

As you are to have other speakers present upon the occasion, you will have to take my promise conditionally, that is, that if I find it possible to be there I will do so.

Yours truly,
WARNER MILLER.

It will be remembered that business of an important character prevented Mr. Miller from

fulfilling a like engagement last year. It is hoped that he may be able to address the students next week Thursday, as his lecture will be of more than ordinary interest, both because the question is now before congress and because it will be the subject of the Allison-Foote debate, that evening.

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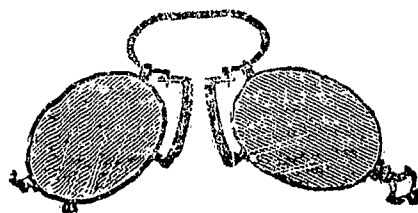
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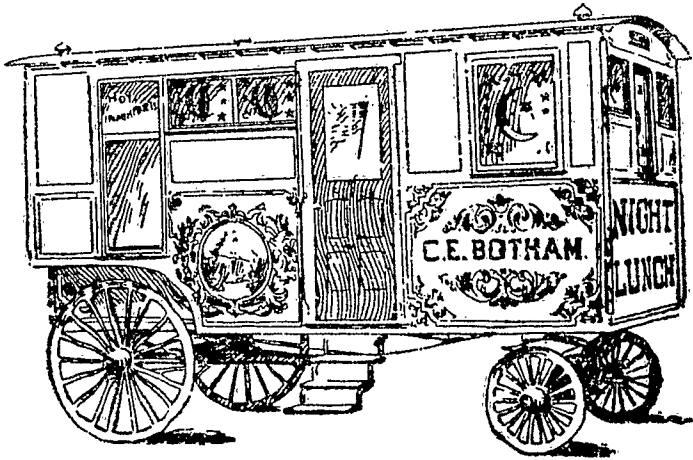
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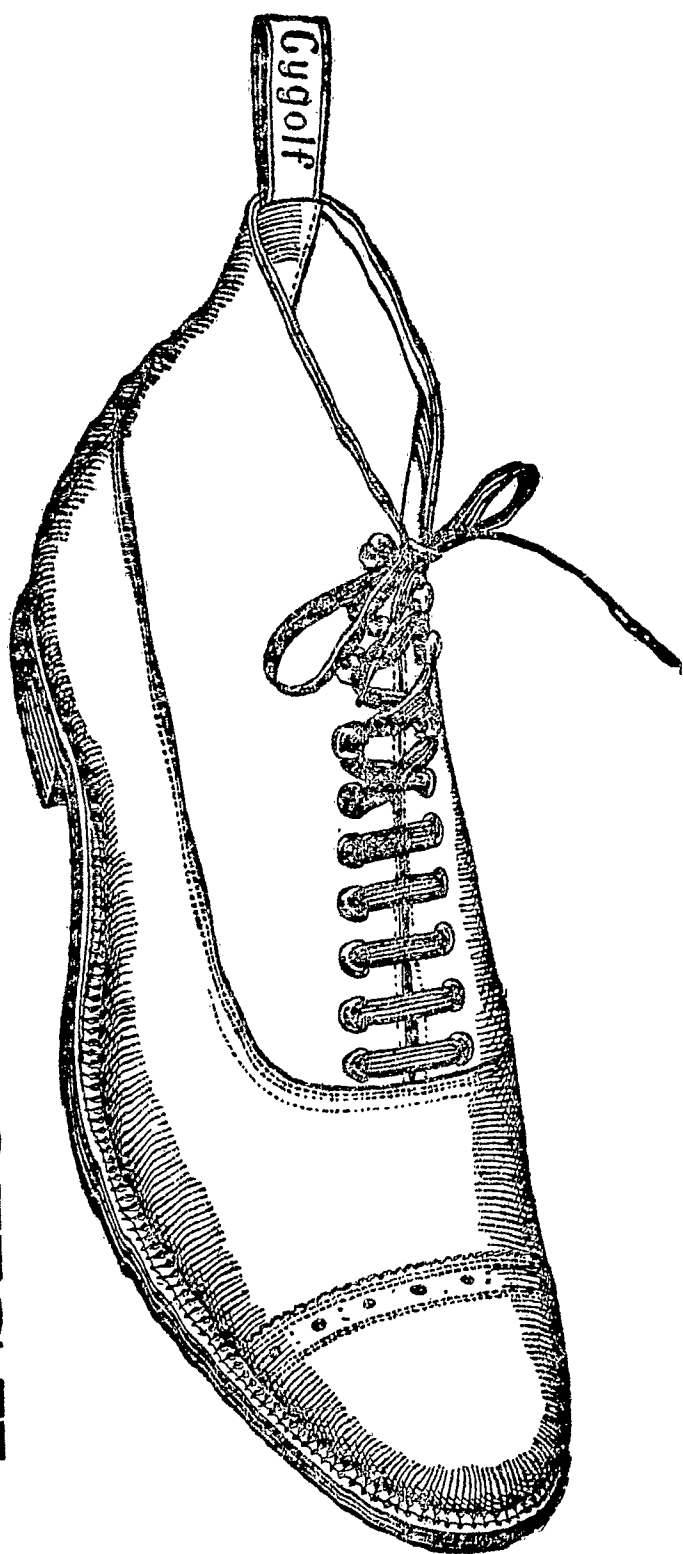
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