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L I T E R A R Y .

MEMORY.

They say it is a blessed thing,
When scenes are past and gone,
When lusterless the brilliant eye
And hushed the winning tone,
To bring before the spirit's eye
The forms of quondam loves,
And list the heart's low echo
As to memory it moves.

They say it is a blessed thing,
When far from childhood's home,
To bid the cherished scenery
In fancy to us come ;
To look again upon the spots
Where boyhood's happy hours
Decked " Father Time's " destructive scythe
With brilliant tinted flowers ;

To bid again a mother's love
And gentle brow arise ;
To look into the holy light
Of a fond sister's eyes ;
To list the music that arose
From many a happy heart,
Or watch the tear that glistened
When friends were forced to part.

And so it is, if Innocence
Still sitteth on her shrine,
If Guilt and Pride hath ne'er displaced
The visitant divine.
But when the shadow cast by Sin
Lies heavy on the soul ;
The retrospect but giveth back
Hope's melancholy toll.

THE DREAM OF LIFE.

No one with the world before him ever sets out to tread its difficult path, without his dream of life. He dreams of succeeding where others have failed, and of laying up for himself, if not renown, a name which no spot shall ever soil. The future is uncertain but his airy castles have strong foundations, which, though he does not believe it then, the grim realities of the world are to overthrow.

He dreams away the summer afternoons of boyhood, when stretched out under the trees of the old homestead, listening to the story of the birds, and watching the floating clouds or the rise and fall of the waves of grain. He dreams at night when lying under the raftered roof, on which the rain patters gentle, warnings—though unknown to him—of the cold buffets of the untried world. He dreams in youth, until mad ambition seizes him and he longs to meet the obstacles for the mere pleasure of overcoming them. He dreams the chastened dream of manhood, of the peaceful old age which awaits him when the active duties of life shall have ceased. He dreams again, when, advanced in age, he looks for the life beyond, and his dream is so tinged with joy as to conceal all the disappointments of his former hopes.

What is this dream of life? It is but another name for the promptings of ambition for the active principle of emulation in virtue of which man excels his brother. The dream of life is the dream of hope, the trainer of

the impulses, the cherisher of one's better feelings. It is the beacon of hope, lighting up the rugged slope of duty, beckoning ever onward and upward. It is the sweet forgetfulness of present trouble, burying a dark past, and foreshadowing a pleasanter future. But has dreaming no other face? That it is often the enemy of manly vigor and energy, experience teaches us. There is an intemperance in *dreams* which shows a life ended, not accomplished, a talent hidden, not developed. If there be one feeling more regretful to the human heart than another, it is that of having wasted time. "If I could but live my life over," is the cry, but an unavailing one. Deservedly, for if life be only imagined instead of heartily met and boldly entered, the dream never meets its faintest realization but remains a mere mockery of what "might have been." Again, however much he may have painted the world in brilliant colors, the dreamer was never courageous enough to face its realities, and never gained its honors except his dream became lost in action. An island-born youth writes from school to his mother: "With my sword by my side and honor in my pocket, I hope to carve my way through the world." And, when in after years, Europe trembled at the resistless advance of him whom only Waterloo could defeat, the dream cherished in his boyhood was realized, but only by action, constant, *continued*. The monk's cell in Germany was probably a witness of the dream of Luther, but when his bold stepping-forth ushered in the Reformation, his dream culminated in action, noble, divine, "God like" action.

The golden clouds which overhang the future will turn into the dark Nimbus in view of its storms. Bitter disappointments await us all and *wee* to him who still under the influence of his dream forgets to meet them bravely. "Stop not, loiter not, look not backward, if you would be among the foremost. The great now, so quick, so

broad, so fleeting is yours;—in an hour it will belong to the Eternity of the Past. Success rides on every hour; grapple it and you may win; but without a grapple, it will never go with you. Work is the weapon of honor, and who lacks the weapon will never triumph."

"I see the lamp of success wavering in the breeze of inaction. Shall it go out for you? Awake then from your slumbers; awake to action while the rushing blood within urges you on. With an iron hand, dash aside the past, and snatch from the present its favors, so that when the account is taken, and the honors given, you may not stand last, because your Dream of Life was too long. M.

THE ELEMENTS OF THE SOUL.

God created Reason and placed him among the sons of men to dwell with them, to labor and rejoice with them. He found them weak and helpless, he taught them to construct the bow, to build the boat, to control the fire, to reduce the metal. The heart of man was filled with gratitude and Reason became the king of the human soul. God gave to him a bride, pure and spotless; her name was Love and she reigned the queen of the soul.

While Reason and Love ruled in harmony, man knew not care, sorrow or strife. Reason was ambitious, Love was ever contented with the present; he constantly was looking beyond the quiet valley in which they dwelt while she clung to its sacred memories.

At last the king led his subjects beyond the surrounding mountains to penetrate the mysteries of the world. After wandering many years in Asia he erected his throne in Greece and Greece became strong in war, in arts, in letters. He endeavored to teach his subjects the great truths he had received from his creator, but, without the voice of Love to soften and purify them, man failed to comprehend them.

Ever since the great king had left his birth place, his subjects had been deserting him and now in the highlands and deserts of Asia and Africa wandered without thought and without knowledge. They had forgotten their master and lost many of the arts which he had bestowed upon them and all the power they conveyed.

In the meanwhile Love mourned the loss of her lord and subjects and convinced that they never would return left the scenes of former joys to seek them amidst the deserts and wilds of the world. She first found those who had deserted their master; to these she attempted to teach the great truths that God had revealed to her, but, without Reason she was helpless; they perverted her teachings and from this intercourse arose the great pagan beliefs of the East. Love viewed with sorrow the errors that arose from her instructions and longed for the aid of her lord and master.

After many years God sent a messenger from on high to reunite them and once again the world felt the mysterious influence of their union; he also sent them a maiden child and they named her Beauty. The child instructed by her father grew in wisdom, by her mother her heart was filled with love and all the powerful influence of both was joined in Beauty. She became the delight of her parents and of man, and taught mankind of the harmony of nature, the unity of God.

Thus Reason, Love and Beauty in perfect harmony led and are leading willing minds through the paths of truth.

God has revealed himself in a three fold manner corresponding to the triunion of the true, the good and the beautiful. When the gigantic mind of the father of Greek philosophy had partially comprehended a supreme spiritual head of the universe, then had reason brought man to God. When Reni Descartes had propounded that system of philosophy in which he sought for the Creator within his own consciousness then

the first great method of God's revelation was in its full development and power. Reason unaided by revelation had reached the great gates of eternal truth; God alone can open them. And what is the God thus revealed? A God of power, infinite and incomprehensible presenting not one ray of hope to humanity; a being of indescribable sublimity, one who may well inspire in us a feeling of wonder and awe. This is the great Being above as presented in truth unmodified by love or beauty; yet how grand in his solitude is that Being, the centre of truth and power.

Through yet another element of the human trinity has God revealed himself when the transcendent mind of Newton penetrated the depths of nature to discover there gems hidden since the foundation of the earth, then did God reveal himself in yet another form. When nature discloses to man her wondrous workings, whether in the revolutions of great planetary systems or in the breathings of an insect, design and harmony are displayed, beauty exists in every tissue, grace in every movement. Man once again has discovered God—Nature becomes an open book in which the providence and bounty of God are manifest on every page, the beauty of design, execution and utility becomes evident in each work of his hand. Thus without a direct manifestation man has been led by his own mind and the works of nature to a God of truth, power and wisdom. Philosophy and science have faithfully performed their mission and yet there is an untold longing in the heart of man which a being infinite and incomprehensible cannot satisfy. God reveals himself through love and the mind and heart of man are full. The great word of truth combining in its structure all the sublimity of philosophy, the beauties of science with a power not from the human mind crowns the manifestation of Dei and sheds a light in which philosophy and science shine forth with a yet more brilliant lustre.

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EDITORIAL.

WE ENTER upon the second volume of THE CONCORDIENSIS encouraged by the success which attended the first year of its existence, and yet with no little feeling of distrust as to our editorial abilities.

We propose to make THE CONCORDIENSIS strictly a college paper. While it will not be the organ of any set of men or class, it will be firm in the advocacy of what it conceives to be right, and fearless in exposing and attacking the wrong; otherwise it would not merit respect. At the same time we shall endeavor to make it conform, as far as may be consistent, to the demands of the popular sentiment of the college.

We desire to make it a lively repository of College news and a medium which shall, in some measure, reflect the literary ability of our students. Above all we wish to make it readable. In order to do this we need the active support of all the students.

To you, then, members of the College we look for co-operation. We want men of every

class, Freshmen included, to contribute to the different departments of THE CONCORDIENSIS. There is plenty of talent here, and there is no reason why there should ever be a dearth of readable matter at hand. Let your articles be short or long, but to the point. Regarding your choice of a theme we would say take something in which you are interested. Themes about College matters are generally the best. Simply a personal or local item will aid us greatly. Such writing will be of great benefit to you also.

If we can induce students to exercise the faculty of writing; if we can make THE CONCORDIENSIS the means of strengthening the ties which bind students, Faculty and Alumni to one another and to their Alma Mater; if we can make it the means of cultivating a higher moral and intellectual status, we shall have attained the true end which College journalism has in view.

FOR the first time within the past four years, at least, a regular class in light gymnastics has been formed. Whatever may be the result, the principle on which the class is conducted is right. We have to thank Dr. Potter for its organization and believe that he has now begun the only true method of physical training. No one can deny that fifteen minutes exercise daily with the dumbbells or clubs is more conducive to health than a series of marches and counter-marches two hours in the week. Exercise in order to develop muscle or to keep what is already developed in healthful tone must be at least daily and regular. It might be added that if it be at the same time of short duration, vigorous enough to bring on perspiration and pleasant, the end of it is gained.

Our gymnast deserves great credit for the tact he displays in keeping the men in good spirits and at the same time make the practice anything but nominal. We presume if one of the boys came to him with a sprained ankle and asked to be excused he wouldn't

received a gruff "no, not if you can walk." This sometimes happens in drill and if the Dr. allows men an honorable discharge from this evil on the promise of taking extra work and joining Vandy's class, the gymnasium will have to enlarge its borders before the year closes.

WE HAD supposed and still think it proper to expect that the order of studies as prescribed by any well-known institution of learning should be the embodiment of much wisdom and the result of long experience. Consequently we are at a loss to understand the important but apparently arbitrary change in the position of Physiology in the curriculum. From second term, junior to first term Freshman, is a long jump, and while we would not doubt the probable discretion of the disposing power, we feel called on to notice the fact that such a change unexplained shakes confidence in the value of a course so unstable.

MILITARY drill is resuscitated, but its constitution continues to weaken and it promises before long to expire. It seeks to be maintained this year as an ostensible substitute for other work and by conceding a portion of the time heretofore allotted. To be sure two hours a week is not much to spend on it, but then it is not enough to effect any good, even admitting that benefit could be derived with sufficient time.

THE somewhat animated debates which took place on the campus after the rush suggested the thought that a word on good feeling in college might be appropriate just now. Without claiming to decide the right of either faction it was evident that a great deal of high temper was raging on both sides. The men were hot; hot from exertion; hot from contradicting. At such a time it is the business of each man to guard himself, and if one forgets and isn't willing to apologize

on thinking it over he forfeits his character as a college gentleman.

One of the most pleasant phases of college life is the regard which members of the same institution have for each other. Touching any interest of the men as a body there is marked unity of sentiment. No trouble could spring up outside without uniting us to a man. And well it might. The relation sustained here is but one step removed from that of home. We graduate into a family that extends over the entire land. How unfortunate, then, when difficulties and differences arise in the family while at home; especially if they be not at once settled. For then, we know, the breach generally grows wider. Let us forget that there are different classes, for these distinctions soon fade away; but remember that we have common interests to sustain, a common mother to revere, and mutual good-feeling to maintain both now and hereafter.

WE wish to call the attention of the authorities to the very slack manner in which the affairs of the boating interests are carried on. The boat house and boats, which should, in our opinion, be the exclusive property of the students, are very far from being such. Never being locked, the boat house has become common property to all who choose to take stock in it, and is at present used for almost everything but that for which it was intended. The dressing cases, which are a necessary fixture, have been removed and their places occupied by lumber and truck of various kinds. One half of the house has been reserved for private parties, and the gradual depreciation of value in the boats may be attributed to their use by outside parties and inexperienced crews. Allow us to suggest to those who have charge of this matter that a lock be put upon the boat house and a restraint upon the promiscuous use of the boats. It is safe to assert that no permanent interest will be aroused in this branch

of physical exercise until a new administration of affairs is inaugurated. It sadly detracts from the pleasure of rowing if one has to hang his clothes on the floor, besides running the risk of having his valuables stolen while in the boat.

THE annual cane rush, long expected, long delayed, came off on Tuesday last and was, in our opinion, the best contested on the part of the Freshmen, at least, of any we ever witnessed. It was not the first attempt, for nearly two weeks ago a noble effort was made by '82 to carry the cane out of chapel, which was, however, rudely interrupted.

The first rush, if it deserves the name, was between the Fresh and President Potter, in which the latter came off victorious and swung the cane in triumph. The Sophomores were left out of the program entirely. The Fresh were full of fight. A few days before they had called a meeting, and the general sentiment was for war. We note a single exception. The mild-eyed Freshman, about whose sweet-smiling countenance circles a perpetual halo of peace, had concocted a brilliant idea. His policy was a pacific one. His plan was to go forth and meet the irrepressible Sophs bearing the olive branch before them, and to present them with a beautiful, gold-headed cane in the name of the class of '82. His motion was, however, disregarded and war was declared.

On Friday morning, the 4th, it was generally known from the dilapidated garments of the Freshmen that the rush was "a go" at last. The Sophomores had been awaiting for weeks the expected demonstration, and the old clothes had been brought into requisition to such an extent that the townsfolk had begun to remark on the extreme economy in dress displayed by the college students. This morning both classes were dressed in their worst, resembling the disbanded inmates of an orphan asylum, as the ponderous chapel door swung on its hinges to admit the motley

crowd. As the President ascended the pulpit all was calm, but it was a calm ominous of the impending storm. During the reading of the Scripture the Freshmen were visibly affected. Their heads were reverently bowed, but a close observer would have noticed the hands quietly unbuttoning collars, and loosening suspenders, preparatory for the expected struggle. During the brief prayer, while a blessing was being invoked upon their youthful condition, they began to "peel," and before the benignant "Amen" had been pronounced there was a simultaneous break for the door. Our dignified President calmly waved his hand over the troubled elements, but they refused to subside. The occasion required more vigorous action. Accordingly, he rushed down and out, and in a moment was among the struggling mass about the cane. Two stalwart Freshmen immediately realized that they were but as clay in the hands of the Potter. The Dr. soon gained possession of the cane, and was endeavoring to disperse the mob, when another cane was introduced by a Junior, and they were about to fall to again, when it shared the fate of the former. Thus perished the last hope of a cane rush for that morning, and the disgusted combatants started on a run for the woods, there to deliberate on the course affairs had taken. The rush was indefinitely postponed, and both classes marched down town in their undress uniforms, scaring the natives by their discordant yells of "'81" and "'82."

But the eager combatants were not easily disheartened, and on Tuesday of this week the rush came off in good earnest. At four o'clock the Freshmen emerged from the rear of South Section, the cane in their midst surrounded by their heaviest men. As they came round the chapel corner they raised the wacry, and the Sophomores, who were collected *en masse* upon the campus, "lit" upon them at once. Then ensued one of those scenes so familiar to the Union student,

yet so completely indescribable that none but a spectator can have any adequate conception of it. The wild, tearing, yelling mass swayed back and forth about the campus, its path plainly marked by the mutilated hats and fragments of clothing which were lost in the fray. The cane was finally carried past North College, and bursting through the gate into Capt. Jackson's garden, they renewed the struggle among the hedges and shrubbery, leaving desolation behind them. The lady of the house, enraged by the wanton desecration of the garden, appeared at an upper window with a revolver and fired several shots, which entirely failed of their intended effect. The destruction of property was becoming serious, when two able bodied upper classmen, representing the Junior and Senior classes, entered the rush and carried off the cane. They adjourned from the garden to the campus, each class vociferously demanding the cane as their prize, but neither side being anxious for another trial, then at least.

So the end was a draw, after all. The Sophomores had a slight advantage in numbers, the Freshmen in pluck; but both sides displayed unusual endurance. The destruction of clothing was terrific. We enumerated seven who were stripped bare to the waist, while several shirts had one or both sleeves lacking. One plucky Fresh succeeded bravely in keeping his boots on, every other article of apparel being completely torn off, necessitating a rapid flight to his room.

If the matter ends here, neither class can claim their trophy, as the cane is in possession of the Juniors, where it will probably remain, unless they agree to rush for it again. The Freshmen can congratulate themselves upon their gallant fight, and hope for better success next year; while the Sophomores have lost the last chance of carrying the cane from a rush, as their stick was wrested from them last year by the class of '80. The spectators, who were quite numerous, expressed

themselves as highly entertained, and were very enthusiastic in the expression of their sympathies. The rush lasted twenty-three minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of the Concordiensis:

In many of the leading Universities of this country students have, especially during the Junior and Senior years, an opportunity of choosing many of their studies. This has been found to work very well. Why is Union so far behind in this respect? The faculty tell us that all they do is for the interest of the students. Now a large part of the students want to choose their studies during the last of the course, and yet do not wish to take an eclectic course. It would seem from this that the faculty think that the students are not competent to judge what is best for themselves. In no college should there be that almost universal dissatisfaction among the students that there is here. The faculty are men able to decide what is for the best interest of all concerned; still when it is almost impossible to stir up any college spirit, and the number of students is gradually becoming smaller, there must be a screw loose somewhere. Men will not come to Union when they can get a diploma equal to one from here, and at the same time be much better fitted for the profession they expect to follow. Much has been said with regard to the great amount of discipline the student gets from certain studies. We admit this; but why is the drill obtained from studies that the student will never make any practical application of so much better than that from those which are very desirable if not necessary to a professional man. A knowledge of the Greek and Latin is very necessary for an educated person. The classical student now devotes eight terms to each of

these branches, and not *one* to any of the modern languages. Many would be glad to give part of the time given to Greek and Latin to the study of French and German. We do not complain of the hardness of the course, and should dislike to see it lowered in this respect. All that we ask is that more of the studies be made eclectic, and that the student be allowed to think for himself. C.

LOCALS.

Dr. Coppee returns in the Spring.

A Fresh has found two points of equal illimination.

"Goody," says no, he won't bolt drill, for it's all the *recreation* he gets.

One of the Sophomores thinks that a young lady on Albany Hill is a very fine singer.

Dr. Potter is to favor the Seniors with lectures on Architecture during the third term.

One of the Freshmen spells engineer "engineer." A Fresh calls the gymnasium "gymshop."

President Potter received the degree of LL. D. from Williams College last Commencement.

The Fresh have invented ways for getting rid of some of the difficult points in Algebra. One of them proposes to disgust the equation $x^2 - 2px - q = 0$.

The Darwinian theory is established. A Junior tells us that before the introduction of Christianity the Anglo Saxons had tails (tales).

Memorial Hall has been improved this summer. The handsome floor is down, and the foundations for the porticoes are nearly completed.

A Junior defines the *Gesta Romanorum* as a collection of tails (tales), without a point for the most part, given to the people by the ecclesiastics.

Mrs. Alexander Brown, of Liverpool, has given \$8,000 to be expended on the Memorial Hall, besides the amount recently given by her, making a total of \$15,000.

The officers of the class of '80 are: President, D. Muhlfelder; Vice President, W. H. Sadler; Secretary, R. C. Alexander; Treasurer, T. C. Van Santvoord; B. B. Director, F. P. Crane.

The officers of the class of '82 are: J. R. Fairgrieve, President; S. M. Griswold, Vice President; C. E. Fay, Secretary; S. M. Sylvester, Treasurer; B. Whitehorne, Historian; J. S. Van Vechten, B. B. Director.

The Junior foot ball eleven are: F. P. S. Crane, Captain; R. C. Alexander, W. E. Anderson, C. F. Bishop, H. J. Campbell, E. S. Godfrey, J. Ickler, J. A. Kemp, R. J. Landon, W. J. McNulty, F. T. Rogers.

Sir George Campbell, M. P., spent Oct. 1st at the college as the guest of President Potter. He is making a tour of the States, and will revisit Union before leaving for England. He has spent long service in Asia, and is a strong friend of Gladstone.

A Fresh in class meeting said that, "If those who roomed down town knew how unpleasant it was for those on the hill to have the Sophs sticking their heads in the door and yelling 'Oh, Fresh,' they would want to take measures to stop it.

The bequest of Mr. James Brown, of New York, last year, was in completion of donations formerly acknowledged, amounting to over \$110,000, most of the income of which is left at the disposition of the college for any purpose it may select.

The Adelphic Society is in a very flourishing condition, and has elected the following officers for this term: President, F. Van Dusen; Vice President, J. B. Conway; Treasurer, E. C. Hoyt; Engrossing Clerk, J. A. Kemp; Advocate, R. C. Alexander; Curator, O. G. Brown; Secretary, E. C. Johnson; Librarian, L. W. Beattie.

A serenade concert was given the other night in front of North College, for the benefit of Prof. — (so they say). The base of operations was under the terrace, and the instruments were principally tin horns, with which all the harmonies were rendered in a manner which would have suited the most fastidious taste of our Professor of Acoustics.

At a meeting of the Senior class the following officers were elected: John N. Van Patten, Vice-President; G. S. Gregory, Poet; James Heatly, Prophet; W. P. Adams, Orator. Balloting for the offices of President, Secretary, Addresser, Treasurer and Marshal resulted in non-election. Accordingly the election of these was postponed for a subsequent meeting.

At the annual meeting of the New York Athletic Club, held in New York on Saturday, Oct. 12th, Mr. W. J. McNulty, of the Junior class, contended in the half and quarter mile races. In the half mile he was running a good second, with every prospect of obtaining first place at the finish, when an unfortunate accident compelled him to withdraw. In the amateur mile the third prize, a bronze medal, was awarded to him.

Prof. Wm. Wells, LL. D., of Union College, arrived by the Egypt on Sunday afternoon (Sept. 22d), after an extensive and highly interesting tour in Europe. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wells and their daughter, who have been spending a year and a half abroad. All returned in good health. Before leaving for Schenectady on Monday Prof. Wells addressed our Preachers' meeting, greatly to the interest of those present, with regard to our mission work in Rome, and the work of Protestantism in France.—*N. Y. Christian Advocate*. The Prof. comes back to us in excellent spirits, and we extend a cordial welcome. During his travels he has contributed a very interesting series of articles on European topics to the *Christian Advocate*, the last of which was entitled, "The Land of Scott and Burns." He has already delivered sev-

eral lectures in neighboring places. The Professor is never idle.

The remainder of Clarkson N. and Howard Potter's generous gift of \$50,000 to the Memorial Hall will be available on the completion of the building by other contributors.

List of students who have entered this year: '79—W. A. Silliman; '80—I. G. Burnett; '81—Hancock Neagle, C. B. Pearson, G. B. Tullidge; '82—J. Mc C. Adair, M. Beattie, G. A. P. Codwise, M. J. Couch, J. J. Drowne, Jr., O. Early, T. D. Elder, N. G. Evans, J. R. Fairgrieve, C. E. Fay, E. E. Ford, W. Gifford, E. W. Greene, S. M. Griswold, L. R. Hargrave, N. G. Kingsley, W. M. Lewin, J. A. McFarra, A. A. McMurray, R. E. Morgan, E. C. Murray, J. G. Peoli, W. W. H. Phyle, W. J. Pollard, A. Pratt, W. B. Reed, W. C. Boseboom, S. M. Sylvester, C. Temple, E. Thomson, Jr., J. S. VanVechten, W. A. Waddell, S. H. Watkins, B. Whitehorne, E. C. Whitmyer, A. S. Wright, E. N. Wright, F. H. Wright.

The prizes awarded at Commencement were as follows: Warner prize to A. V. S. Wallace, of Little Britain; Latin prize to A. A. Browne, of Charleston, S. C.; Ingham, Alexander Duane, of Portland, Me.; Wolfe prizes, for proficiency in free hand drawing: first, Alexander Duane; second, C. M. Culver, of Rensselaerville; for progress: first, W. H. Thomas, of Stuyvesant; second, Lauren Vanderveer, of Schenectady; art testimonial, R. G. O'Neale; English literature essay prizes: first, Alexander Duane; second, Seymour Van Santvoord, of Kinderhook; Allen essay prizes: formerly the President's Centennial prizes, first, Alexander Duane; second, Leonard Paige, of Albany; third, John F. Thomas, of Stuyvesant; Blatchford oratorical medals: first, William D. Maxon, of Schenectady; second, Seymour Van Santvoord.

Prize Speaking: Juniors—first, W. W. Childs, of Charleston, S. C.; second, W. B. Roper, of Charleston. Sophomores—first,

J. D. Craig, of Albany; second, R. C. Alexander, of West Charlton.

BASE BALL NOTES.

JAMES HEATLY, *Capt.*

The victories already gained by the college nine have proved that there is material in college which only needs proper care to develop into a first class nine. Under the directorship of Messrs. Beattie, '79, Crane, '80, Williams, '81, and Van Vechten, '82, the following men have been chosen as the college nine, with their positions as assigned by Capt. Heatly: M. Beattie, catcher; F. W. Moore, pitcher; F. T. Rogers, 1st base; Pierson, 2d base and change pitcher; Fancher, 3d base; Taylor, short-stop and change catcher; Ford, left field; Fairgrieve, center field; and Heatly, right field.

The first game was played Oct. 5th, against the Albany Law School, resulting in a victory for our nine by a score of 40 to 9. The heavy batting by our nine was noticeable, as was also the effective (?) pitching of "Sammy," of the Law School.

Three groans for Manning! Such was the desire of every man who went to Albany Monday, Oct. 14th, with the expectation of playing the return game with the Law School. Through the maneuvering of this gentleman (in direct opposition to all his own men) we were cheated of the pleasure of again playing the aspirants for judicial honors. The best feature of the affair was the home run of Fancher on the train from Albany. He was *ably* followed by Taylor.

The challenge received from Hamilton to play on their grounds will not be accepted for this fall, but the managers hope to play both Hamilton and Madison in the spring.

A challenge has been sent to Williams.

Next in order—Freshmen vs. Sophomores.

We cannot commend the action of the Troy papers in changing the score of the late game from 26-3 to 6-3; but then it sounds better for the Trojans.

The second game was played with the "Athenians," of this city, Oct. 10th. The game opened with tremendous batting on our side, the college nine scoring 9 runs the first inning. At the end of the fifth innings the game was called, owing to the growing darkness, the score being 14 to 7 in our favor.

On Oct. 12th the nine played the Rensselaer Polytechnic nine, of Troy. The game opened unfavorably for our side, but as soon as the boys got to work they made up for all lost time, and walked away with the Institute nine in fine style. The score stood 26 to 3 in our favor.

EXCHANGES.

—We had received from our predecessor a vivid description of the trials and tribulations attendant upon the occupant of the Exchange Editor's chair, and were in some measure prepared to buffet the storms of criticism, and jests at our expense, which were sure to follow, and we had decided upon our course of action; but now how useless our preparations and designs, for seated at our table, surrounded by a pile of college periodicals, we find that we had no inkling of the magnitude of the task before us. But from this mass of material we make a selection and it proves to be the *Oberlin Review*. It must have been the intention of the editors of this sheet to make up in quantity that which they lacked in quality, for we have received no less than four copies of their first issue. We notice a few sensible paragraphs in their first literary article, but this, with the attention paid to the local department, is all that we can praise. The general appearance of the paper is not pleasing.

—In the *Amherst Student* we notice in particular one editorial upon the proper subject matter of a college paper, and afterward the insertion of three prize essays, which to our mind is slightly inconsistent; but on the whole we are pleased with it and shall always welcome its appearance.

—The prevailing topic in the *Trinity Tablet* is the late removal to their new college buildings, and if we may judge from the description of them given in *Scribner's* they have reason to be proud of their surroundings. The article upon College Customs, though written by an extremely modest youth, contains some very sensible ideas, but the Freshman Bum to which he pays some attention, is, we hope, a purely Trinity custom, and not prevalent in our sister colleges. Typographically the *Tablet* is very good and the quality of the paper detracts nothing from its excellence.

—We have received from St. Michael's College a paper called the *Archangel*, and from the name we expected great things, but we were sadly mistaken and disappointed. In spite of the heroic resolves of the editors in respect to the defense of their paper and faith, we fear that in a case of necessity they would be found wanting. This issue is filled with articles upon "Considerations on the Creation," "The Virtue of Charity," "Death and Immortality," "Sources of Future Felicity," and like subjects. With the exception of one half column devoted to locals and one editorial, there is nothing said in regard to their college. If the editors would change the source of their paper and publish it as under the auspices of the Society for the Propagation of Catholicism, we would be pleased to receive it as one of our exchanges as a specimen of Oregon literature.

—We have also received the following:—*Ariel*, *Lafayette College Journal*, *Harvard Advocate*, *Berkeleyan*, *Oracle*, *Hamilton Literary Monthly*, *Yale Record*, *University Magazine*, *Tripod*.

PERSONALS.

[Alumni and all interested in the interests of "Old Union" are invited and urged to contribute to this department, that it may be one of the most interesting columns of THE CONCORDIENSIS.—ED.]

'05. Robert R. Tillotson died in New York, July 23, 1878. He was by profession a lawyer.

'21. Rev. Isaac Bard died recently in Greenfield, Ky.

'40. Hon. Geo. F. Danforth, of Rochester, heads the Republican State ticket as candidate for Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals. He is a man of large repute in judicial circles. Intelligent members of the profession in both parties alike recognize his talent and ability. In his more immediate locality he has for years occupied the high position which Judge Reynolds held in Albany, and Mr. Evarts in the metropolis. His worth, his sterling integrity, and exalted sense of honor is conceded by his opponents. In every way he is eminently fitted for the position. It seems fitting that this post, formerly held by Judge Allen, and now by Judge Hand, both Union men, should continue to be held by a Union man.

'51. Hon. Samuel Hand was appointed, by Governor Robinson, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals in June, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice W. F. Allen, LL. D., '26. Judge Hand stands at the front of the legal profession in this State. He brings to the bench a great capacity for labor, an intimate knowledge of the cases and judicial system of the State, and a disposition to conscientiously apply them to the principles of honor and justice. While many of the thoughtful see danger in the future because of the carelessness which seems a natural outgrowth of our political methods, it is reassuring to know that a sheet-anchor is within reach so long as our judiciary is recruited from such men as Judge Hand.—*Ex.*

'42. Hon. Clarkson N. Potter has been unanimously renominated for Congress in the Twelfth District of New York.

'45. Judge Jerome Rowe died at Ithaca, N. Y., July 30th.

'48. Alexander J. Thompson is candidate for Congress in the Twentieth District of this State.

'48. Hon. J. Thomas Spriggs, of Utica, is the Democratic nominee in the Twenty-third Congressional District of N. Y.

'50. Horatio N. Powers, D. D., was the author of the admirably written biography of William Cullen Bryant in *Scribner's Monthly* for July.

'58. Hon. Geo. C. Hazleton has been re-nominated as candidate for Congress in the Third District of Wisconsin.

'58. Major Oscar H. Curtis is Republican candidate for Member of Assembly in Chenango county, N. Y.

'60. Hon. Warner Miller, of Herkimer, N. Y., is the Republican candidate for Congress in the Twenty-second District. He has served twice in the State Legislature, where he immediately obtained prominence as an able debater and an honest man. His election will do honor to his district.

'65. Daniel N. Lockwood has been re-nominated for Congress by the Democrats of the Erie District of this State.

'76. S. W. Buck has given up his position as Tutor in Physics and has chosen law as his profession.

'77. Holman, of Glens Falls, is at the Albany Law School.

'78. Thomas and Vosburgh are in the Law Department at Albany.

'78. Duane, Wallace, Johnson and Culver are in College taking post-graduate courses. Culver is studying medicine in the office of Dr. T. Featherstonhaugh, of this city.

'79. Peters has just been married.

'79. McGuire is running for the office of School Commissioner in Oswego county, against a Democrat who has been elected to the same office three times in a strong Republican district. If Mac wins it will speak well for him.

EXTRANEAE.

—The following may be one of the ways that they have at "Old Oberlin." It is not so however at "Old Union:" One of the '79 class wants to know if "*Hunc Polydorum auri*" (Vir. III. 49), is translated "a hunk of gold belonging to Polydorus."

—Prof. (assigning a lesson in Meteorology): "Well," with considerable impatience, "you may begin at Chapter VI and go to Thunder."—*Ex.*


— Brown University has now a Freshman class of about seventy-five, and has also additions to the other classes. The faculty has been increased, and numbers no tutors nor proctors, and but two or three assistants.

— Intelligent Freshman, Harvard College: "Who was the wisest man?" "Aw! what'er yer given us? Sampson, he was; for he had more brains in his sleeves than the other college. He pulled in the race, didn't he? An' he pulled heavy, an' don't you forget it."

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