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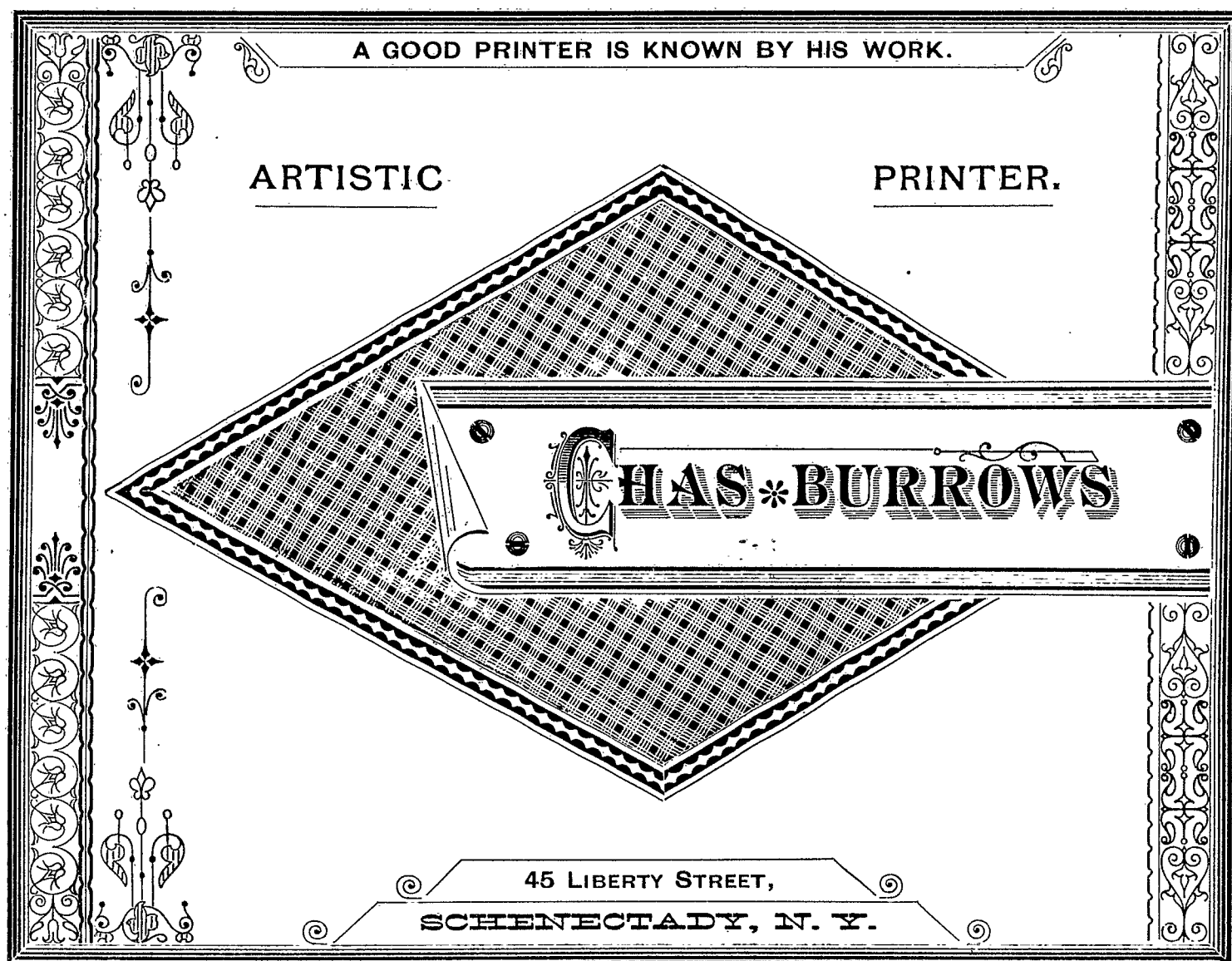
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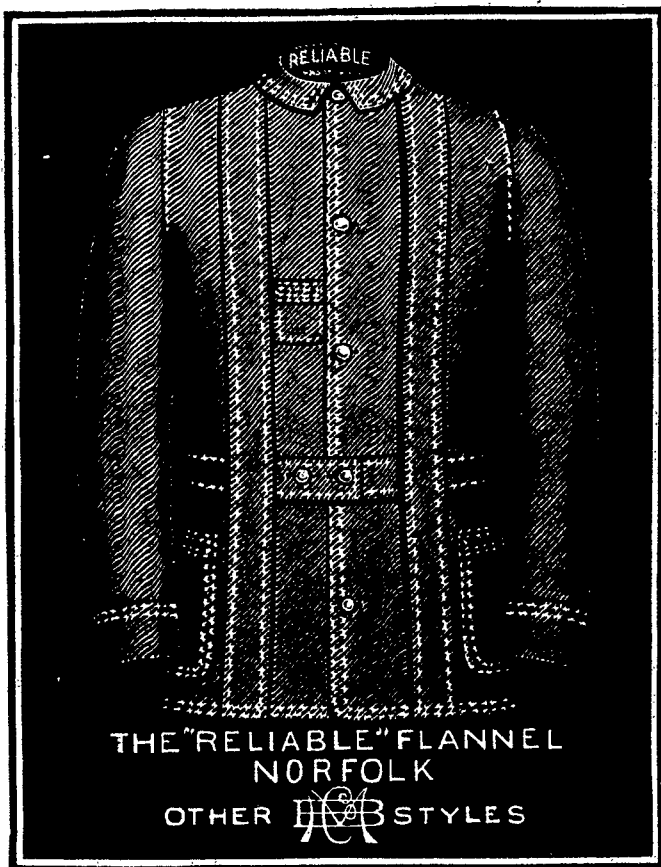
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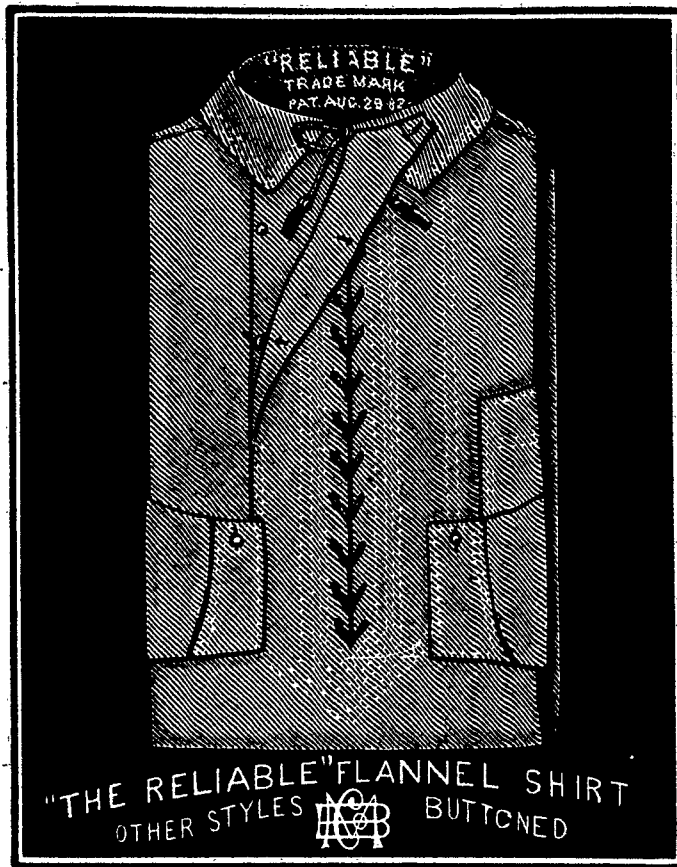
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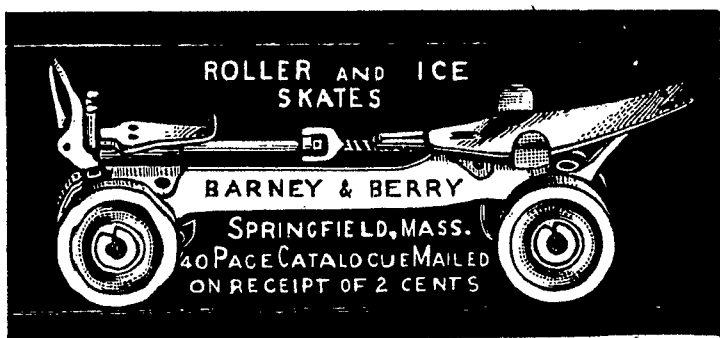
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EDITORIAL.

THE senior class has at last passed out from the tender care of tutors and is now being instructed by real, bona-fide professors. The fact that '86 has had a tutor for seven out of nine terms, and that the new professors have already become popular, does away with much grumbling, and leads us to think that there is some "balm in Gilead" after all.

A COMMITTEE has been appointed from the Faculty to revise the curriculum with a view to abolish mathematics after Sophomore year, and to provide a number of electives for Junior and Senior year. This is a sign of progress and will, without doubt, receive the approval of Alumni and students. Senior year has had a few electives, but in the whole matter of electives Union has been behind her sister colleges a number of years.

WE ask the indulgence of our subscribers for this issue on account of the delay and the amount of stale news we chronicle. Much of the material was handed in some time ago, so that in some cases events anticipated when the material was handed in have happened before the paper appeared. We promise no delay in the future, and will try to present recent news and to avoid anticipation of events which shall take place before the number is issued.

WE desire to call the attention of our readers to a subject too apt to be overlooked. The financial support of our paper comes quite largely from our advertising columns, nearly if not quite as much being derived from that source as from the students. Those advertising with us, no doubt, expect a part at least of our patronage, and as all are worthy of confidence, it is but just that they should receive it. For it is quite evident that without their aid the paper could not be published but at a considerably greater expense to its readers. What we would ask, then, of our students, is this: that they look carefully over the names of our advertisers and make it a point to patronize *them*. In fact, use our advertising columns as a directory, and make our advertisers feel that in helping us they have not thrown away their money.

THE late issue of the first number of the CONCORDIENSIS every year is due mostly to the defective system of electing editors. The term of office of the board of editors expires with the collegiate year. This necessitates a settlement after the commencement number has been issued, and consequently all advertisements run out then. These must be obtained again in the following fall before the first number can be issued, and in addition to this the volume must begin

with a new corps of editors. What we would propose as a remedy is that the term of office of the editorial board expire with the second term of the collegiate year. This would give the board the experience necessary to produce the first issue of the next volume promptly, and as all advertisements would begin the year with the April number there would be no cause for delay in the following September. All contracts should expire and a settlement for the year be made at the expiration of the term of office of the board, so that the management of one board should not interfere with that of another. Certainly it is, as the matter stands now, impossible to issue a September number; indeed, it is usually late in October before the first number can be issued.

AS an improvement on the make-up of last year's CONCORDIENSIS, the paper this year will be printed with new and smaller type, ordered specially for the purpose, and two pages of reading matter have been substituted for the same amount of advertisements, thus increasing the amount of reading matter by about four pages. Both of these changes are a disadvantage to the editors, and for this reason alone we feel justified in asking for more liberal support. While everyone will allow that we should have a college paper, and will require that paper to be a true exponent of life and spirit at Union, there is little competition for a position on the board and no attempt to raise the standard of the paper, either by contributing matter or by a judicious selection of editors. Now, as there is little or no honor in holding a position on the paper, and as an editor's work is extra and done gratuitously, it is but a small favor to ask every one to give his support by subscribing, and to pay his subscription in promptly. Perhaps a few facts on the subject of support given by the undergraduates may shed a little light on the subject and answer the purpose of this annual harangue. Last year only two-thirds of the students in college took the paper, and only about two-thirds of this number paid their subscriptions; the rest either refusing to pay at all or claiming that the paper

was sent to them without their sanction. Beside this, only six men in the whole college cared enough for the paper to hand in articles for publication. Now, we *can* get along without contributions in the literary line, but we must have the subscriptions; and while we solicit both, we ask the students to remember that the paper can not subsist on promises, and that it is the "almighty dollar," so to speak, that "makes the mare go."

OUR NEW PROFESSORS.

UNION has received three very valuable additions to her faculty this fall.

Prof. T. W. Wright has been called to the chair of Physics (made vacant by the resignation of Prof. Chaplin, who has accepted a similar position at Harvard). Prof. Wright is a graduate of the University of Toronto, where he received the degree of A. B. While there he distinguished himself in the study of mathematics and physics, leading a class of sixty in these branches, and receiving a gold medal for the highest excellence in them. He finished his education at the Sheffield Scientific school in 1872, where he received the degree of C. E. For the ten years following he was connected with the survey of the western and northwestern lakes, and at the end of that time was called to a chair at Lehigh, whence he came to Union.

He has been a valuable contributor to many scientific journals, but his principle work is "A Treatise on the Adjustment of Observations with Application to Geodetic Work and Other Methods of Precision." This work has received the highest commendation from both English and American Scientific magazines, and has been adopted as a text-book by Columbia College, although intended rather for use in the field.

It is a neat octavo volume of 437 pages, and reflects great credit on its publishers, VanNostrand & Co.

Prof. Wright's method of conducting his classes gives the greatest satisfaction to the students under him, his particular excellence consisting in his exactness, his thoroughness and his simplification of the difficult.

Prof. James R. Truax takes the chair of English Literature and Rhetoric, in the place of Rev. Giles P. Hawley, deceased. He is a graduate of Union in the class of '76. While at college he received the Nott Prize Scholarship, which is given only after the most rigid examination, and at commencement took the Ingham and other prizes in English literature. He received the degree of B. D. from Drew Theological Seminary. He followed the ministry for several years, but the last five years of his life have been spent in New York and Washington where, through intimate association with the most prominent men, he has gained a thorough knowledge of political and commercial life. For the past summer he has traveled through England and France, and has visited the English Universities.

His experience in teaching dates from his early youth, and has extended through the greater part of his life. In the study of English Literature it is his intention to familiarize the student, not with other people's criticisms, but with the authors themselves, and to make their reading compulsory and not to leave it to the inclination of the student.

He is making the essay department very interesting and instructive by the criticism of essays in the class-room and by demanding extemporaneous essays from a general subject previously assigned, thus not only giving the student drill in essay writing, but directing his mind into channels of useful reading.

In short, Prof. Truax is a man of great push and one who, both in the use of text-books and of methods of instruction, is keeping abreast with the times.

In addition to the two above mentioned, Union has secured the services of Prof. F. S. Hoffman, formerly of Wesleyan University, as professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy.

Prof. Hoffman is a graduate of Amherst in the class of '76. After graduation he taught Greek in a preparatory school in Princeton, Ill. He next attended the Yale Divinity school and there obtained the Hooker fellowship, which is acquired by competitive examination, and which

entitles the incumbent to an income of \$700 to be used in further study. Through this scholarship he pursued his studies in Berlin and Heidelberg Universities. After completing his course in Germany he returned to America and accepted a chair in Wesleyan University, Middletown, Ct., whence he came to Union.

His method of instruction is all that could be desired, making it a pleasure rather than a task to attend his recitations. Not confining himself to the text-book he develops the pupil into a thinker. All his recitations are diversified by talks and arguments on points which come up in the course of the lesson. He is one of the most interesting as well as instructive professors in the college.

On the whole the Faculty of Union has been strengthened by three representative college professors, each of whom is a specialist in his particular class, and for each of whom we prophesy a successful course of instruction at Old Union.

LITERARY.

The Senior's Return.

WELL, here I am at work again,
Back from my last vacation,
I feel more lordly now than when
"Fresh" was my appellation.
My summer's been a happy one,
I left my home quite sadly,
But I'm glad to see the fellows
And I think they meet me gladly.

And she—O she'll be glad, I know,
To see me back once more,
And won't she just smile sweetly when
I meet her at the door.
We didn't say good-bye last June,
I was in such a flurry
To get my things packed, and I left
In something of a hurry.

But I don't want to go a bit
To see her now or never,
In fact, I wish just now that our
Acquaintance-ship might sever.
But I must go, I s'pose, if I
Desire clean clothes and collars,
"She" is my washer-woman and
I owe her twenty dollars.

HOMER.

Autumn.

HOW the leaves are fading, falling,
 Lovely even in decay;
 How the years are passing by us
 As we journey on the way;
 How we beg of them to linger,
 But they will not, cannot stay,
 They can only answer, nay.

M. L. P.

A Night of Horrors.

DURING the winter of 18— I was engaged, in company with Dr. B—, in preparing material for the anatomical museum of the Y— Medical College. I was a student of the college, and for the reason that I had shown some little skill in dissecting, and was an intimate friend of Dr. B—, was engaged in this special work. My chum, whom I shall call Steve, was a graduate of the college and an expert in anatomical work.

The work in which we were engaged required a great deal of time. Consequently we had to work far into the night, and ghastly, ghostly work it was. We had a little room about 10 x 12, situated on the second floor and facing the street. At one end of the room was a door opening into the main dissecting room and secured by a bolt on the inside. As the door shut tight in the jamb the bolt was seldom used except when we wished to keep the students from intruding. At the other end of the room was a door opening into the museum. In order to reach our room it was necessary to pass through the museum, and at night it was no easy matter for one to find his way through the long, narrow, crooked passage which separated the specimen cases.

The main dissecting room was a long, narrow, semi-circular room and was the space directly beneath the amphitheatre or pit where the lectures were delivered. The building was on a corner, and consequently faced two streets. At one end of the room was an immense old-fashioned wood stove, the pipe of which extended the whole length of the room and was fastened to the ceiling with wires at intervals of eight or ten feet. My reason for thus describing the

room will be seen later on. And now for the story.

One cold stormy night in midwinter my chum and I were engaged in our usual work. It was late Sunday night; in fact about midnight. We were obliged to finish our work for the next day that night, and we still had several hours to work. Just then Steve stopped work, and looking up, said: "Jack, I've got to make a visit—a sick call—and I guess I'll attend to it now. I won't be gone over three-quarters of an hour. You won't be afraid to stay here, will you?" Although the latter part of his remarks were addressed to me in a laughing way, still they nettled me, and I answered boldly that I was *not* afraid and that he might stay as long as he wished.

After he had gone I began to feel a little like Bob Acres; my courage began to ooze out of the ends of my fingers. I had never been left alone at night before, and although I had had considerable experience and was not inclined to be timid, it occurred to me just then, with a chilling effect, that there were pleasanter places to spend a winter's evening than the dissecting room of a medical college. It is no wonder that I arrived at this conclusion so quickly, for right on the table in front of me was the body of a man—the subject on which we were working. On a board placed across the stove and supported by wooden horses was stretched the body of a negro woman, frozen stiff. The janitor had placed her in this prominent position "to thaw her out." On the floor in front of the stove was another body in a similar condition, and placed there for the same purpose. With this description of my little 10 x 12 room my readers will see that while I had plenty of company it wasn't exactly what you would call *lively* there. Well, after a few moments of reflection I shook off my uneasiness and settled down to work. I was at work on the axillary artery in the arm-pit, and as there is an abundance of muscles in this locality it requires much care and attention. The work had a great fascination for me, and growing more and more interested in my work was soon oblivious of my surroundings.

I had been at work perhaps half an hour when I thought I heard a groan outside in the dissecting room. I stopped work suddenly, and in an uneasy state of mind listened to see if it would be repeated. Nothing could be heard but the wind, and persuading myself that it was my imagination, I began to work again. No sooner had I begun than something of a decidedly cold, clammy nature struck me a blow on the back of the neck. With a frightened exclamation I sprang back, only to find myself the victim of an accident which, through trivial, had anything but a soothing effect on my nerves. The hand and arm of the subject had been fastened back toward the head to give a better chance to work on the artery which I was investigating. Becoming unfastened the arm dropped back towards its original position and struck me square on the neck. I had hardly collected my senses when the moan which I *thought* I had heard was now repeated out in the dissecting room with terrible distinctness. Ye gods! what a noise! You who think it nonsense to say the hair stands on end in extreme fright need only to have my experience to realize the truth of the statement. To describe my fright would be impossible. I was nearly paralyzed, and as I sat bolt upright I could feel each and every individual hair on my head assume a perpendicular position like so many wires. In a moment the noise was repeated, and my sensation of fright was now absolutely sickening. The noise was hard to describe, but seemed to me then to be a cross between a moan of some one in pain and a howl or shriek. I sprang to the window and opened it. It was twenty feet to the ground—too far to jump. In agony of mind I turned from the window only to see that the dissecting room door which a moment before was tight shut was now wide open. This was the last straw, and with one tremendous howl of terror I leaped across the room, through the door into the museum, down through the dark, narrow passages, cleared the flight of stairs in two jumps, and never stopped till I reached the saloon on the opposite corner. My sudden appearance there caused quite a sensation, and well it might, for, dressed

as I was in a long calico gown which reached from my neck to my heels, skull cap on, a dissecting knife in my hand and a look highly indicative of terror on my face, there is little wonder that the occupants of the saloon were somewhat alarmed.

The first one I saw was Steve working the lunch. "What's the matter, Jack?" coolly asked Steve; "have you seen a ghost?" As soon as I could find my tongue I asked for a "tonic" which had somewhat the desired effect. When Steve again repeated his question I was calm enough to exclaim: "Well, you'll find out what's the matter. Some of those stiff over in the dissecting room have come to life and are raising Cain!" A whistle was his only answer, and then drawing me aside asked me to tell him all about it. I did so, and when I had finished, he said: "Well, it's possible that such a thing has happened. Subjects have been known to come to life, but anyway we'll go over and see about it." "Excuse me," said I. "What! aren't you going over with me?" said Steve in astonishment. "No, sir," said I, "and if you are going over there you will do me a great favor by bringing my coat and hat to me. I'll wait for you here." But he finally persuaded me to go over with him, so back we went. When we entered the dissecting room I actually expected to find one or more of the subjects walking around the place. But no; all were in their places and there was no evidence of any disturbance.

Then we began a most thorough search, but could find nothing. "Must have been mistaken, Jack," said Steve, with a quiet smile. Just as he spoke a gust of wind swept through the room, extinguishing our light, and again that horrible moaning, sobbing sound was produced with terrible distinctness. "Great Scott! what was it?" exclaimed Steve, as he clutched my arm. With trembling hands we produced a light and proceeded to investigate. The noise had seemed to come from overhead; and no sooner had Steve glanced at the ceiling than the explanation flashed over him, and he burst out laughing. In a few words he explained all.

As I said before, the stovepipe was wired to the ceiling. The windows were pulled down from the top, and the wind blowing mainly from the north would veer around once in a while and blow through the open windows across these wires, producing the mysterious sound that had so frightened me. When I had opened my window it caused a direct draught through my room, thus forcing open the door. All very simple when once understood but not an explanation one would find in a moment. Need I say that I felt cheap when I realized how foolish had been my fright? Steve admitted, however, that such a noise would scare anyone and even laughed at me for taking so long a route out of the building, preferring for himself the more direct way through the window even at the expense of broken bones.

Since that time I have spent many a night in the dissecting room often alone but never afterwards did I have occasion to descend the stairs in other than my dignified manner and I always found time to put on my coat before leaving the building. "82."

The Castle Old.

STANDING lone in grandeur's mould,
A monument to men of old,
A ruined castle, on yonder rock,
Boldly fronts the storm king's shock.

Trailing ivy o'er its walls,
While the sunlight on it falls,
Tendrils fondly clinging there,
Scenting all the summer's air.

Joyous birds, with plumage fair,
In the balmy morning air,
Rest themselves and gaily sing,
Ere they wander on the wing.

Leaflets browned by autumn sigh,
All about the ruin lie—
Scattered at its feet around,
On the chill and frozen ground.

Round about each nook and cranny,
Flitting bats, in hundreds many,
Build their nests in places where
Man was wont his home to share.

And the owlet flaps his wings,
Through the vale the echo rings
Of his hootings, far and near,
In the moonlight soft and clear.

Through those ruins, cold and grim,
Creeps, with stealth, a reptile slim;
Hissing, whilst each lesser dweller
Seeks by flight its life to shelter.

Snows of winter falling fast,
Blown by many a chilling blast,
Through each crack and crevice pass,
Softly sink to rest at last.

When the spring-time comes again,
When the gentle April rain
Falls upon the sleeping earth,
And the flowers anew have birth;

Then come lovers sighing sadly,
Bright-eyed maidens singing gladly,
Winsome children tripping shyly
Round about its walls so slyly.

Seasons come and seasons go,
Summer, Autumn, Winter flow,
Bringing to some hearts a spring
Where loved birds no longer sing.

And those walls so still and old
Many a story could unfold,
Crumbling now with times decay
For painters' brush and poets' lay.

COMMUNICATION.

Gymnasium Work.

The sentiment in colleges generally is in favor of gymnastic exercises sufficient to make and keep the body healthy. Especially is this so at Union. If you ask a professor or a student what he thinks of gymnastic exercise, he praises it.

The equipment necessary to plenty of exercise is a room, and a body equal to exertion. The novice is surprised to find how quickly he becomes tired in going through simple calisthenic exercises, which require no tools, or at most a pair of wooden dumb-bells. In such a gymnasium a persevering man can obtain sufficient exercise. Few students, however, will do this for many weeks. It is not pleasure, it is work. Our gymnasium is splendidly equipped, when

compared with this primitive one, and well equipped when compared with any. Our number is sufficiently great to crowd the room. We have many incentives beside a desire for good health to arouse us. We belong to an inter-collegiate base-ball league and to two athletic associations; we have a lacrosse team and many tennis players. During the winter these men are inactive, and in the spring are unfit for good playing.

When so many incentives to exercise exist, why was the gymnasium during the greater portion of last winter almost deserted? At the beginning of the winter a good number came in. But on the first cold day the upper-classmen staid away, because they knew that the room would be cold and that few would attend. Those inexperienced men who came were soon chilled and gathered around the stove. On the next cold day they too were absent. After that the attendance was limited to those who were determined to exercise in spite of drawbacks. Here, then, is the first reason. The room is not warm enough on a cold day. It is unpleasant to exercise then, because the muscles and joints are stiff. Moreover, if a man works enough to become heated he runs a risk of catching cold. When a class is formed, as in calisthenics, it should commence promptly at the appointed time; for some of the boys have only a short time to exercise and they do not wish to delay. The class should be instructed every day, even though there is a small attendance; for a student is not willing to come again after he has once been disappointed. The last and most important reason is the lack of attendance itself. It is a case of like begetting like, for it is very hard to exercise day after day when you are alone in a large, cold room, and when your very presence makes the loneliness the more oppressive. This lack of attendance results partly from the above mentioned reasons and partly because there is no enthusiasm.

All of these defects can be remedied by the students and their instructor. There is a new stove in the dressing-room, which is too large for that room, and makes it uncomfortably warm.

Either that should be placed in the large room, or the partition between the two rooms should be taken down, or another stove procured. As it is now two stoves are kept running, and scarcely more than two students exercise on a cold day. In other words, two fires are a failure; but three, or possibly two, if rightly placed, would be a success. The defect in regard to the classes can be easily corrected. As gymnasium attendance is not compulsory, the number of students present must depend on the enthusiasm for athletics in the college. The members of the base-ball nine and the athletes know that they must soon begin work if anything is to be done next year. There are a number of other men in college who enjoy exercising. With these and an enthusiastic leader as a nucleus we could have half of the college in the gymnasium every afternoon. This leader should be our instructor. He should make it his business to personally ask every student in college to attend, and thus make his department a success. The rest of us should keep the subject stirred up. Then, when our instructor had a body of students in good working order, he could ask the trustees for money to buy additional apparatus; and they could not well refuse him with a clamoring college at his back. When we are determined to get anything we get it.

This article is written by one who has exercised among a large number and also by himself; he, therefore, is willing to be one of the number to make athletics boom.

Clippings.

Professor in Chemistry: "Oxygen is an invisible gas, some of which you see in this bottle."—*Ex.*

"I have the subject at my finger's end," said the student, as he unfolded his "crib" at examination.—*Ex.*

When a Tennessee girl is kissed, she frowns and says: "Put that article right back sir, where you took it from."—*Ex.*

"Adieu," she said sweetly as he kissed her good night. "He's adieu'd, aint he?" sung out her little brother, as he vanished up stairs.—*Ex.*

LOCAL.

Who killed Lacrosse?

Fires in the bath-rooms.

'88 has three new members.

Orations in chapel this year.

Miller, '87, has gone to Lehigh.

Freshmen, where is your foot-ball?

'88 has defeated '86 and '89 at base-ball.

Root, '87, has entered the class of '87 at Yale.

Prof. Ball's dancing school is in session again.

Several seniors are taking French with the Freshmen.

The game of Lacrosse bids fair to become very popular.

The freshmen have been required to write their autobiographies.

Prof. Ashmore has been appointed committee on chapel absences.

The first examination for conditions will be held Saturday, Nov. 7th.

Lacrosse has taken the place of lawn tennis on the campus these cold afternoons.

One of the freshmen, with unusual enterprise, is taking Geology with the seniors.

'88 took a class bolt for the first time, on the 20th. Now, who says '88 is no good?

The class in photography is very popular, and has produced a large number of negatives.

Very little hazing this year. This shows that even the college student may become civilized.

Why will some of the students persist in calling the north college refrigerator a bath-room?

Professor in French to Sophomore: "How do you pronounce *Maison* in English?" Sophomore: "Haous."

Prof. Pearson has appointed Mosher, '86, and Mandeville, '88, to assist him in the work of cataloguing the library.

Furbeck, '87, has charge of the college bookstore again this year. Patronize him. His prices are as low, if not lower, than any firm in the city.

A freshman, while canvassing for historian, said he didn't care anything about the office for himself, but he wanted it for the society's sake. Very considerate.

The petition to the faculty for a suspension of exercises during Monday preceding election day has been readily signed by all those who wished to go home to vote.

The following are the subjects for essays this term: Juniors: "Civil Service Reform vs. the Spoils System." Sophomores: "Causes and Effects of the Revolution of 1688 on England."

The lacrosse team have selected Darey, '88, for captain, and also appointed the following committee to make arrangements to play a game with the R. P. I.: Dorwin, Skinner and Furbeck.

Leaf from a freshman's diary: "Twenty-five cents for note paper. Mr. D. gave me an oil can so I didn't have to buy one. Made a ten-spot to-day, and with God's help will make one to-morrow."

The sophomores are required to read Scott's Heart of Midlothian, in order to write an extemporaneous essay on some topic suggested in it. The freshmen are reading Tom Brown at Rugby for a similar purpose.

Some of the freshmen complain because the Soph who drills them gives such orders as: "Now I want you fellows to keep your eyes diagonal on the buttons of the fellow next to you," and "Backward, guide right, forward march," etc.

The newly elected officers of the class of '89, a few days ago, gave their mates the customary "set up" at Reeves' dining rooms. The sophomores were in attendance, but as the lacteal fluid was not to their taste they were satisfied with cigars and coffee at the freshmen's expense.

The following is a list of the Junior Class officers: President, M. C. Howe; Vice-President, K. C. Radliff; Secretary, G. W. Furbeck; Treasurer, G. D. Buel; Base-Ball Director, C. F. Bridge; Poet, A. E. Phillips; CONCORDIENSIS editors, Johnson, Bridge, Ransdell.

Messrs. Courtright, '86, Lewis, '88, and McMillen, '87, have been chosen by the Philomathean society to debate in the joint discussion with Landon, '86, Johnson, '87, and Ransdell, '87, of the Adelphic. It will probably take

place near the holidays. The question has not yet been selected.

The faculty have made the Adelphic and Philomathean societies a proposition to allow all students access to their libraries who will pay a term tax, or a stated amount for each volume. The rooms to be open two hours per week, and the college to pay the librarians for their service. They have accepted the proposition.

The *Garnet* board has been organized as follows: Editor-in-chief, C. F. Bridge, Psi Upsilon; business manager, F. X. Ransdell, Delta Phi; L. B. Smith, Kappa Alpha; T. H. Leighton, Sigma Phi; E. D. Very, Alpha Delta Phi; D. Vroman, Beta Theta Pi; J. E. Swanker, Phi Delta Theta; George W. Furbeck, Delta Upsilon.

The sophomores and freshmen have elected their class officers for the year. The sophomores are: President, J. E. Brennan; Vice-President, H. P. Cummings; Secretary, L. M. King; Treasurer, A. D. Ishkanian; Base-Ball Director, M. D. Stevenson; Historian, S. W. Little. The freshmen are: President, M. M. Smith; Vice-President, A. L. Hubbs; Secretary, W. T. Peirson; Treasurer, E. V. Peirson; Base-Ball Director, W. T. Peirson; Historian, M. Nolan.

The literary societies have elected the following officers for the term: Philomathean: President, T. H. Foote, '86; Vice-President, E. W. Courtright, '86; Secretary, F. D. Lewis, '88; Treasurer, G. W. Furbeck, '87; Librarian, H. McMillen, '87; and A. L. Bennett, K. Radliff and M. C. Howe, executive committee. Adelphic: President, E. S. C. Harris, '86; Vice-President, Wm. Landon, '86; Advocate, F. W. Skinner, '86; Secretary, C. H. Ashton, '87; Treasurer, I. P. Johnson, '87; Librarian, N. M. Redfield, '87; Curator, E. V. Peirson, '89.

On Monday afternoon, Oct. 12th, a meeting was held in Prof. DePuy's room, at which the Union College Historical Society was organized. The purpose of the society is the collection of relics relating to Union College, or its alumni, and the study of American History. Meetings are to be held every other Monday afternoon at

three o'clock. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Prof. DePuy; Vice-President, Kennedy, '88; Secretary, Phillips, '87; Treasurer, Silvernail, '88; Curator, Bridge, '87; Standing Committee, Vroman, '87, Towne, '88, Hanson, '89.

A party of thirteen students, representing the "Kaps" and "D. U.'s," along with Mr. Elliott Hart, of this city, walked to the Helderbergs, last Friday. Starting at half-past eleven, they reached Knowersville in a little less than three hours. Taking dinner here they left for Thompson's Lake, where they remained over night. Saturday was spent in the vicinity of the Indian Ladder, and night found them "raising cain" and astonishing the natives at Guilderland Centre. Leaving there at nine o'clock next morning they arrived in Dorp about noon, a hungry and perspiring crowd, but in good spirits and happy with the remembrances of a successful forty-mile trip.

Dr. Veeder has offered a prize of fifty dollars "in money, books or medal, for the best extemporaneous speech delivered at a public competition in each year." Those competing must be in full standing in their class, and the competition is limited to the three lower classes. Some preparation will be allowed. A general subject will be given some time before the contest, and fifteen minutes before their speeches are to be delivered the competitors will be assigned special topics selected from the general subject. "In reaching their decision the committee (of award) shall regard only the appropriateness and correctness of the subject matter; the logical force of the argument; the excellence of the style; and the grace and effectiveness of the delivery.

The first of the series of dances, under the auspices of the junior class, was held in Washburne Memorial Building, on Friday evening, Oct. 2nd. The music was furnished by Albany parties and was excellent. The only drawback was the scarcity of men; but notwithstanding this all present enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The following were present: Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Beattie, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Hollis, Mrs.

Hubbell, the Misses Jackson, Van Voast, Franchot, Van Nostrand, Rose Perkins, Kittie Yates, Fenn, Young, Swortfiguer, McQueen, Bell Potter, McDonald, Dillenbeck, McMullen, Meeker, Clute, Lillie Freeman, Ellis, Grout, and the Misses Beattie and Curtis, Mr. Vorhees, of Brooklyn; Lieutenant Hubbell, Prof. Ashmore, the Messrs. Hart, Veeder, McQueen, Angle, Very, Bridge, Bates, Foote, Culver, Vorhees, Richards, McMurray, Towne, Williams, Cameron, Smith, Buel, Furman, Landon, Dorwin and Leighton.

The senate has been organized with Prof. James R. Truax, president, and T. C. Lawler, president *pro tem*. The following is a list of senators:

T. W. Allen, Ohio.
E. C. Angle, Georgia.
F. F. Blessing, Pennsylvania.
H. J. Cole, Maine.
E. W. Courtright, Kentucky.
G. S. Dorwin, Wisconsin.
L. C. Felthousen, Iowa.
T. H. Foote, New Jersey.
E. S. C. Harris, New York.
E. G. Hayes, New Hampshire.
A. H. Jackson, Indiana.
D. B. Kinne, Jr., Illinois.
W. F. LaMonte, Minnesota.
W. P. Landon, Louisiana.
T. C. Lawler, Colorado.
L. J. Little, Massachusetts.
J. M. Mosher, Connecticut.
J. E. Ostrander, California.
F. S. Randall, Virginia.
F. W. Skinner, Texas.
E. E. Veeder, Missouri.
T. R. Woodbridge, Vermont.

On Tuesday night, October 29, the newly-elected officers of the Senior class gave a "set-up" at the Merchants hotel to the class. Although very little time was given for preparation the supper was a success. The only thing '86 never would bolt is class supper, and this accounts in part for the success which always attends these occasions. Another reason is, that although quite partial to ten-spots in all intel-

lectual branches, no '86 man was ever known to flunk or even fizzle at the table. In fact it is quite plain that while much above the average as pollers '86 shows to best advantage at the table. Toast Master Little opened the intellectual part of the feast with a few general remarks, and then called upon Landon, as the first victim, to respond to "Onychodus Sigmoides." The other toasts were as follows: "Our Cowboy," Pratt; "Oh, Girls," Jackson; "The Political Situation," Angle; "The Good Old Freshman Days," Harris; "Mumm's Ex-Dry," Courtwright; "The Future," Lawler; "Nancy, the Old Woman Up Stairs," Cole; "The Wanderers," Perkins; "Old Union," Kinne; "Chair of Metaphysics," Dorwin; "We Seniors," Allen. Several choice musical selections were then given by the class, and at 1:30 A. M. the company broke up.

The Delta Upsilon Convention.

The 51st convention of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity was held with the Rochester chapter at Powers' Hotel, Oct. 22d and 23d. The convention was opened in the hotel parlors by the Hon. Marcellus L. Stearns, ex-Governor of Florida. Twenty-one colleges were represented by delegates and one by letter. About 175 delegates were present. Thursday evening the public exercises were held in the Grand Opera House. The oration was delivered by Rev. Orrin P. Gifford, Brown, '74; the poem by Prof. William R. Dudley, Cornell, '74. Friday evening the convention banqueted in the dining room of the Powers hotel. Rossiter Johnson, Rochester, '63, presided as toast master. Since the last convention the Fraternity has established chapters at Wisconsin, Columbia, Lafayette and Lehigh. The next convention will be held with the Madison Chapter. W. P. Landon, '86, F. S. Randall, '86, and J. E. Smith, '88, represented Union.

We rather like the tone and appearance of the *Troy Polytechnic*, and shall expect to see it regularly hereafter.

PERSONALS.

'59. Elnathan Sweet has been re-nominated State Engineer by the Democratic party.

'83. Bridge has established a teachers' agency in Boston.

'84. Hall is farming in Antwerp.

'84. Phillip is studying law in New York.

'84. Templeton and McCown are attending the Albany Law School.

'86. Wemple is at the Albany Law School.

'86. Pratt has left College, and at present is at home in Kansas City, Mo.

'87. Clute and Kastendieck are at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York.

'88. Ten Eyck and Wakeman are at the Albany Law School.

WHAT '85 MEN ARE DOING.

Moore is in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bailey is at home in Chatham.

Perkins is surveying in Kansas.

Bond is teaching in Lishas Kill.

Iglehart is farming in Maryland.

Wands is in business in Albany.

Ebaugh is at home in Charleston.

Coffin is studying law in Hudson.

Fowler is studying law in Kingston.

Gibbes is at home in South Carolina.

Crane is engineering in Schenectady.

Terrill is studying law in New York.

Stryker is at home in Hammondsport.

Hutchinson is teaching on Long Island.

Mitchell is engineering in Pennsylvania.

Duffie is studying law in Columbia, S. C.

Mills is studying law at Gloversville, N. Y.

Hoy is in business with his father in Albany.

Griswold is studying theology in New York.

Delaney has been reporting for the Albany *Argus*.

Severson is on a cattle ranch in Fredonia, Kansas.

Sweetland is attending the Albany Law School.

Foote is learning mechanical engineering in Chicago.

Cady is at the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Bishop is in Warwick, teaching and writing for a paper.

Stanton is on the editorial staff of the Brooklyn *Eagle*.

Egelston is in Chicago, teaching school and studying law.

McCauley is change catcher on the champion Chicago nine.

Wheeler graduated from Williams and is travelling in Europe.

Munsell has a position in his uncle's office in the Buffalo car shops.

Barhydt is attending the theological seminary at Middletown, Conn.

Vaughn is collector on the day boat between New York and Albany.

Bradley is visiting Hayes, '86, who is on a ranch near Denver, Colorado.

Ray is attending the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania.

Richards is attending the College of Physicians and Surgeons at New York.

Morey is principal of the New York State Institution for the Blind at Batavia, N. Y.

EXCHANGES.

Our pile of exchanges has grown so large before we make our own tardy appearance that it will not be possible to notice each one in turn, but will only extend a general welcome to our old acquaintances and proceed to make ourselves as friendly as possible to the new ones.

The *W. T. I.* is another new exchange, from the Worcester Technical Institute, and we are pleased to add it to our exchange list.

The *Dartmouth* dons a new and tasty cover, and the *University Herald*, from Syracuse, in addition to a new cover has reduced the size of the pages, added to the reading matter and improved the pages generally.

The *Dartmouth* was the first to make its appearance on our table, and was followed by the *Amherst Student*, *Williams Fortnight* and the *Troy Polytechnic*. The promptness with which these papers are issued shows a good deal of push, enterprise, and a systematic working corps of editors.

Town Topics is an illustrated weekly, published in New York, and devoted to club and society gossip, floral culture, sport on land and water, criticisms on art, music and literature, and poetry and fiction. The general make-up of the paper is excellent and, in its line, is of great interest and deserves patronage and a good deal of commendation.

The following exchanges have also been received: *Lehigh Burr*, *University Magazine*, *Madisonensis*, *Wake Forest Student*, *Occident*, *Colby Echo*, *Notre Dame Scholastic*, *Niagara Index*, *Ariel Heidelberg Journal* and *Delaware College Review*, *The LaFayette*, *The Cue*, *Cadet*, *Vanderbilt Observer*, *Undergraduate*, *Polytechnic*, *Dickinsonian*, *Sunbeam*, *Stevens Indicator*, *High School Record* and *Vassar Miscellany*.

We have hardly had time to look over and enjoy our old and punctual friend the *Outing* before the announcement comes that the *Outing* has ceased publication. We sincerely hope this is not the case, for as a chronicler of sporting events, a journal of travel and recreation and a source of fiction and poetry the *Outing* has gained, in our estimation, a place second to none; and till we hear more authentic statements concerning the matter shall await the future number with no little interest.

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.

Bowdoin's new gymnasium is to be 80x50 feet. Beside the gymnasium proper there is to be a base-ball cage 60x12 feet, two bowling alleys 60 feet long, bath and dress rooms. A running track 6 feet wide and 33 laps to the mile is to be suspended 11 feet above the floor. The apparatus is to be the best, and is presented by Dr. D. A. Sargent, '74, director of athletics at Harvard. The Bowdoin crew won in the boat race at Lake Quinsigmond with Cornell, Pennsylvania and Brown.——Brown institutes partial elective courses. Mathematics is not required after freshman year, and Greek and Latin are optional after the second

year.——The new Bryn Mawr College, built by the Society of Friends, near Philadelphia, opened in September. The buildings cost \$200,000 and the endowment fund is \$800,000.——The Harvard nine won every game—ten—in the inter-collegiate series. The college has been left between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 by Jacob P. Jones, a retired Philadelphia iron merchant. The Annex has over fifty students.——Four Princeton Sophomores have been indefinitely suspended for hazing.——Wesleyan graduated 42 men last commencement—the largest class ever graduated there.——Dartmouth is to produce a new literary monthly soon,—the "*Stylus*."——The *Brunonian* is sixty-five years old.——Holmes, Willis, Everett, Evarts and Phillips Brooks were editors of their respective college papers.——Cornell men who have been absent from class fifteen per cent. of the time are not allowed in examinations.——At Columbia, a sub-freshman was observed at entrance examinations in short trousers.——The skin of the defunct Jumbo is to be stuffed and placed in the Natural History building at Trinity.——Williams has, for the first time, representatives from the African and Mongolian races in the freshman class. The seniors have not yet had Logic. The new gymnasium is being built.——Cornell is well pleased with Prof. Adams. There is an increase of students this year in Scientific and Engineering courses.——Dartmouth has a brass band of sixteen pieces.——The Chair of History and Political Economy, at Amherst, has received an endowment of \$50,000. Freshmen must promise at entrance not to "rush."——Madison has a new laboratory.——Yale has 250 freshmen; Cornell, 237; Amherst, 98; Dartmouth, 92; Williams, 67; Lehigh, 106; Colby, 22; Madison, 28; Princeton, 212; Brown, 75; Lafayette, 55; Bowdoin, 37 (?); Bates, 41; and University of Vermont, 50.

The June bug has a pretty wing,
The lightning-bug has fame;
The bed-bug has no wing at all,
But he gets there all the same.—*Ex.*

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