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## Education in its Relation to Business.

"No," said a practical (?) father, "I aint agoin' to send John to college, for he's to be a merchant; but James shall go there, for he's to be a lawyer."

Is not this a fair example of the estimate placed upon a college education by the average business man—it may be good and necessary for the professional man, but of no use to him? In fact, many belonging to the class to which the latter belongs claim that to one in their position a college education—or rather the training necessary in obtaining it—is a positive detriment.

Let us inquire if it is so.

The commercial value—or, better yet, the commercial *necessity*—of the higher grade of education is universally admitted. We have but to consider what we could do without the work guided by education in our every day life to realize how greatly dependent we are upon it.

But, is the purely practical the only advantage to be derived therefrom?

In looking at a piece of architecture—the Brooklyn bridge if you please—we are impressed with the fact that science has carefully planned how the different parts should be adjusted to one another—the steel, the stone, the cement—to make one perfect whole that shall be safe, strong and durable; but does the impression end there? Was there no symmetry in its construction? Beyond the convenience was no thought given to pleasing the eye, and back of that the appreciation of the beautiful? A single glance at that elegant structure in such wonderful grace uniting the two cities is a sufficient answer to that question.

And is not an appreciation of the beautiful a desirable trait for any one—even a business man? Still further, if this taste is desirable for any one, why should not the cultivation of it

also be desirable for any one? And where can this cultivation be better obtained than in a college education?

Does the business man want to confess that refinement and cultivation do not become him? It would seem as though the matter of personal pride should prevent this.

"Wall, neow, I don't care; my daughter Jane hez most broke my heart," said farmer Jenkins. "Seein' ez how I hed prospered I wanted ter do the best I could fer her, so I sent her ter Wellesley ter give her a fust-class edication; and neow she's cum home and plays silly things on the pianer that aint no good nohow. There's a larger, or largo, by G. F. Handel, Esquire, and a moonlight snorter by Mr. Beet Oven, and I hunger and thirst in vain fur even a few notes of silver gold among the threads, sich ez she uster play; but I don't never git it, and I'm afraid I never shall."

Let us leave farmer Jenkins to his meditations, as we would the man of business to his—who cannot or will not admit that he cares in the least for education beyond the dollar-and-cent view of it.

The criticism that the time occupied in getting a college education is wasted, so far as business training is concerned, is quite forcibly met by a notable instance of a young man graduated from college in 1893 who inherited from his (very wealthy) father's estate a large block of stock in a prominent railroad. The most natural thing for him to do, possessing his large fortune, would seem to be *nothing*, but he does not look at it in that light. He purposes becoming a railroad man. Beginning at the forge and bench with the humblest mechanic, he afterwards became fireman on an engine, and among his last achievements was taking up the rod and chain of the civil engineer. In regard to him I quote the following:

"Persons who delight to tell of the tendency

of a college education to unfit young men for the hard work of life and to rob them of all ambition and willingness to work would be led to doubt for once their own theories could they see this refined young bachelor of arts clad in overalls and jumper, and doing the work of a day laborer, when, if he were so disposed, he could lead a life of quiet and idleness."

If the lack of anything suggestive of affairs commercial is even in a small measure a detriment to a young man who wishes the college education and yet desires to be a business man, why not have a system of commercial training in connection with the other branches? If a matter so practical as technology has become so important a factor in the schools, why would not this also be decidedly useful? The remarkable success of the institute established in Antwerp in 1852, as well as of quite a number in operation to-day in Germany, where the workings of every day business are taught, is shown by the demand there is, even in London, for clerks, who were educated in any of these schools. Might not the plans upon which they are conducted form a suggestion as to the methods to be employed in carrying out the same idea but in connection with other business?

The age may not be ready for such a departure from beaten paths, but will it not come in time?

Now, my business friend, to return to the subject in hand, you have brains, you must have "lots of them" to have accumulated the fortune you possess, but please refrain from doing them such a cruel injustice as to assert that you have "no use for a college education"—with all the delightful associations that pertain to it, associations that grow dearer with years, and with all those refinements of knowledge that make life here happier and better, and that surely point to that grander life toward which the highest culture, hand in hand with the Divine teachings, must ever tend.

JOHN T. MYGATT, '58.

Ripley A. Lyon, a graduate of Union, who is suffering from a critical attack of typhoid fever in a hospital in Salt Lake City, is reported to be no better.

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

The annual convention of the presidents elect of the various Y. M. C. A's in the educational institutions of New York, New England and Canada was held here from Thursday to Sunday inclusive. There were not as many delegates present as were at first expected, but the meetings did not want in enthusiasm on this account, and the purpose of the convention was so fully realized that every body considered it a thorough success.

The convention consisted of a series of meetings, more or less informal, arranged and conducted by some of the international and general secretaries of the Association, for the express purpose of making efficient presidents who are to preside over their respective branches of the Association. Here the newly elected presidents and others who are closely identified with the christian work in our institutions of learning, "come and reason together," and gather the helpful suggestions offered by those who have had greater experience,—as they outline the plans of campaign. Held as it is at this season of the year, it enables the presidents to return to their colleges and put into practice the theories of work decided upon in this training school.

The opening session was held on Thursday evening in the Philosophical room, where all, save the popular meetings, were held. The general subject of this meeting was: "The College Field of the East," and was presided over by Secretary Beaver of Philadelphia, who treated exhaustively the theme "The Problem of the Difficulties and Encouragement of the College of the Eastern States." In his remarks he developed the thoughts that certain *difficulties* must needs be—that *encouragement* is not found in any work that has not its attendant impediments. From the nature of the difficulties with which the Eastern associations are confronted and our ability to meet them we find the greatest encouragement. He impressed upon the delegates the opportunities of great moment—open to them,—and appealed to them for more action and straightforward service.

On Friday morning the convention considered

the subject of "The Presidents." Secretary Hunt of New York was the first speaker who treated the phase "His Qualifications." The second phase, "His Duties," was taken by Secretary Georgi, while E. M. Sayford spoke on the topic of "College Evangelists," emphasizing the cultivation of the christian graces. At the afternoon session State Secretary Goodman addressed the delegates on "The Associations Finances." He was followed by Secretary Georgi who spoke on "Association Literature."

Shortly after 4 o'clock the convention adjourned to the home of Dr. and Mrs. William Wells where a very delightful reception was held in their honor. Among those who assisted in receiving besides the members of the faculty, were Miss Wells, Mrs. Sewall, Mrs. Ripton, Mrs. Prosser, Mrs. Truax, Mrs. Mosher and the Misses Landon.

The general subject for consideration at the evening session was "The Work for New Students." This was one of the most important meetings of the convention, since it had to do with the most vital question before the college association to-day. The address of the evening was delivered by Secretary Robert E. Lewis of Boston, who was exceedingly practical as well as logical in his treatment of the subject. He laid stress upon its great importance since the spiritual power of an association depends upon it, although it is a preliminary feature of the work.

The Saturday morning session was devoted to two topics, the first being "The Cultivation of the Divine Nature," by Mr. Sayford. The discussion of the other subject "Bible Study" occupied the remainder of the morning. It was conducted by one of the strongest men of the convention, General Secretary Wm. H. Sallmon of Yale University.

The "Missionary Meeting" of the convention was held on Saturday afternoon. The first thing under discussion was "The Missionary Department of the College Association," and secondly a practical topic, "Why should Students be Interested in Missions?" This was followed by an address given by the Rev. H. P. Beach, National Secretary of the Student Volun-

teer Movement. Mr. Beaver then spoke briefly on "Student Summer Schools."

The only meeting which was open to the public was held on Saturday evening in the chapel. State Secretary Goodman presided and conducted the opening exercises, after which he introduced Secretary Sallmon of Yale, who spoke briefly on "What the Association Means at Yale." In his remarks he told of the beautiful building, Dwight's Hall, the home of the Association, and also with equal interest and earnestness of the Rescue Mission carried on by their association in the slums of New Haven in a building which was once the home of a notorious dive. He finished his address with a concise explanation of the systematic organization of their association. Mr. Evans, of Princeton, followed, and referred to the strong band of student volunteers in their association. Mr. Sewall, of New York City, then spoke of the "Students Movement," outlining its purposes and aims, and stating its present stage of organization. These remarks were then supplemented by E. Lawrence Hunt, of New York City, Secretary of the Movement, who spoke on "The Significance of the Movement to America." He showed that man needs something much more than high intellectual training, and said that the "Students' Movement" endeavored to give that *something* to college bred men.

Secretary Robert E. Lewis, of Boston, was the next speaker and treated the "Significance of the Movement from the World Aspect." This was one of the strongest and most interesting addresses of the evening. He referred to an international conference held a few months ago in Norway, at which the leading institutions of Europe and the East were represented, when a fraternal alliance was formed in connection with the Student Movement under the banner of "Christ, the Divine Redeemer." The great significance of this fact was made simple, as he showed how each of the great nations depends entirely upon its universities for its power, and to have them combine with all their other adverse opinions under such a motto of unity can bring only the greatest encouragement. The closing address of the evening was delivered by Mr. S. M. Sayford, who spoke of the present

condition of student life and showed that the Christian Association has been the all important factor in producing it.

A short meeting was held Sunday morning for the delegates only, before they separated to attend service at the various city churches, but at 4:15 in the afternoon a meeting was arranged for in the chapel to which the students and faculty were invited. They were addressed by Mr. S. M. Sayford, who said if he were to choose a text he would take John 5:24, which could be summed up in the question "Dead or Alive, Which?" He secured the attention of all at the outset, and by his progressive thoughts and rich illustrations, he kept it until he closed. The meeting will long be remembered by all who were present, and to a great many it was a source of much good.

The last meeting of the convention was held at the usual place on Sunday evening. Secretary Beaver presided, and stated that the work for that session consisted in determining the policies which were to govern the work in each institution represented during the ensuing year. Secretary Lewis was called upon to emphasize the tenor of the policy as a whole. Secretaries Hicks, of Cornell, and Sallmon, of Yale, were asked for suggestions from their own plans, while the Rev. Mr. Beach spoke of the importance of promoting the Missionary spirit. The meeting was then open to general remarks, and it was the united testimony of all that the conference had made plain the opportunities and privileges open to the officers of the various college associations the purpose of the convention.

The officers and delegates in attendance were as follows, the delegates being presidents of their respective associations except as otherwise designated: S. M. Sayford, Boston, Mass.; G. A. Beaver, N. Y. City; Rev. H. P. Beach, Springfield, Mass., Educational Sec. of the Volunteer Movement; Sec. R. E. Lewis, Boston; Sec. H. W. Georgi, N. Y. City; State Sec. F. S. Goodman, N. Y. City; Ass't State Sec. D. A. McPhie, Boston; G. L. Leonard, Sec. Publication Dep't, N. Y. City.

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Clary, Maine State; J. L. Davis, Univ. Vermont; P. Daniels, Montpelier Meth. Sem.; A. J. Hutchinson, Jr., Troy Conf. Acad.; H. T. Waller, Vermont Acad.; E. W. Capen (Rep.), Harvard; H. S. Stone, Mt. Hermon Sch.; H. M. Briggs, Williams; E. H. Willmarth, Worcester Poly. Inst.; W. S. Learned, Brown; H. S. Coffin and Gen. Sec. W. H. Sallmon, Yale; C. E. Dodge, Conn. Lit. Inst.; W. J. Swart (V. P.), Albany Med.; A. C. Prentice (V. P.), Alfred Univ.; D. A. Davy, Hamilton; F. P. Hunter, Colgate Acad.; I. W. Guilmann, Colgate; L. T. Genung and Sec. H. W. Hicks, Cornell; T. Hough, Genesee Wesleyan Sem.; J. Lee, College Phys. and Surg.; E. C. Brown, Columbia; F. T. Pettibone, Homœopathic Med. Col., N. Y. City; L. V. Waldron, N. Y. Univ. Med.; J. R. Wyckoff, N. Y. Col. of Dentistry; G. W. Kennedy (V. P.), N. Y. Col. of Pharmacy; Sec. E. Hunt and C. E. Sewall, Students' Movement, N. Y.; R. S. Povey, N. Y. Univ.; G. J. Swan, Col. City of N. Y.; J. L. Young, Potsdam Normal; C. B. Tenny, Rochester; C. E. Pollock and D. L. Wood, Union; H. W. Masnard, Rens. Poly. Inst.; H. S. Langnecker, Philips Exeter; A. J. Walter, Rutgers; T. S. Evans, Princeton.

### How It's Done.

#### TWENTIETH CENTURY VERSION.

Good Frosh—  
Oshkosh—  
College—  
Knowledge—  
Came to get  
Soon a Soph—  
Beer quaff—  
Snippy—  
Chippy—  
Cigarette.  
Next year,  
No beer—  
Thinner—  
Winner—  
Honor get.  
Then at last—  
All past—  
Know it—  
Show it—  
Room to let !—P. P. S.

### Twenty-Eighth Butterfield Lecture.

The twenty-eighth lecture of the Butterfield course was delivered to a large audience in the chapel last Friday afternoon, by Col. Asa Bird Gardiner, LL. D., of New York City. Col. Gardiner took for his subject, "The Monroe Doctrine," and the lecture was unanimously declared one of the most interesting and instructive of the course. In introducing the speaker, President Raymond paid a glowing tribute to the generous founder of the course, both as an American citizen and an alumnus of old Union. He spoke of the long list of illustrious men who had already spoken in the course, and said that another was soon to be added. Col. Gardiner has filled many positions in public life, and was peculiarly well adapted to throw new light on the subject he had chosen for his lecture. After acknowledging the introduction and mentioning his own admiration of General Butterfield, Col. Gardiner spoke in part as follows:

"The subject on which I'm going to speak this afternoon is an American doctrine, and I intend to talk about it as an American, not as an Englishman. President Cleveland has said, that the Monroe Doctrine has its principles laid in international law, and is as much international law as if it was contained in the Code. At least two leading newspapers of New York City and many college professors have attempted to belittle the chief executive of the country, and to cast ignominy upon his statements, but the American people have declared in his favor and have upheld him. It is not a question of a boundary line through a swamp, but whether a strong nation is oppressing a weaker nation on American soil and stealing her land.

"At the beginning of the eighteenth century liberty was struggling against monarchy throughout all Europe. Absolutism finally triumphed, and the next thing to be done was to suppress the Spanish colonies in America. President Monroe was a man of vast experience in affairs of State and international politics. He saw that a great crisis was approaching, and he at once sought advice of Ex-Presidents Madison and Jefferson. It was then and there that the

latter stated the principles set forth in the diplomatic language of Monroe's subsequent message. The Monroe Doctrine is unmistakable and unambiguous. Yet singularly enough one of the most important clauses has been repeatedly overlooked by professors and historians, and they cannot see how the Doctrine applies where an European nation has gained new territory from a sister republic, materially affecting her destiny. \* \* \* Recent events on this hemisphere have drawn world wide attention to the Doctrine of President Monroe. For three hundred years Great Britain has been employed in the occupation of land getting. England has more than once come into dangerous proximity to our own possessions. We see the same thing in her conduct all over the world. Even now she is trying her land-grabbing schemes on our most valuable Alaskan possessions. This all concerns the safety and the welfare of the American people. Nicaragua suffered and almost succumbed before America lent her assistance. And, meanwhile there had been spreading a sarcastic smile on the face of every European statesman, 'What has become of the Monroe Doctrine?' Now we come to Venezuela. Treaty after treaty and instance after instance shows us beyond a question how Great Britain has been slowly pushing her boundary line over and into the land once owned by the republic. Since 1840 Venezuela has been vainly protesting. But at last the British policy was unmasked. It was the Orinoco she wanted, whose waters are navigable for hundreds of miles. Finally the communication was transmitted to the American ambassador at the court of St. James in July, 1895, and Lord Salisbury was brought face to face with the Doctrine. 'A most novel policy,' he called it, but if he thought it was a mere fable, he was quickly undeceived by President Cleveland's message to Congress. The President brought the matter up into its real light, and settled for all time that the Monroe Doctrine is a living principle in international law."

During the entire lecture Col. Gardiner created much enthusiasm by his thorough Americanism, and was repeatedly applauded.

The usual prize of \$25 has been offered for the best essay on this lecture.

### Syracuse Wins the New York State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest.

Last Friday the New York State Oratorical League held its annual contest under the auspices of Rochester University at the Park Avenue Baptist Church in Rochester. Union, Syracuse and Rochester, the three members of the league, were each represented and the contest proved to be a very close and interesting one. Union was represented by H. C. Allen, '98, whose subject was "Cuba." The Syracuse speaker was C. W. Walker, subject, "Frederick Douglass"; and the Rochester representative was J. M. Oaksford, subject, "Oliver Cromwell and the Revolution." Mr. Walker proved to be the successful contestant and the decision by the judges seemed to meet the approval of everybody present. The judges of the contest were Rev. Richard D. Harlan, Rev. H. Clay Peopels and Nathaniel Foote, all of Rochester.

The league was organized three years ago, and now each of the three colleges has won a contest. In 1894 Mr. Varney of Rochester and in 1895 Mr. R. H. Potter of Union were the winners. Concerning Union's representative, the Rochester *Herald* of Saturday says:

"Mr. Allen, of Union, whose subject was 'Cuba,' was the first speaker. In his introduction he briefly referred to the incidents which preceded the little isle's present struggle for liberty and release from the tyrannical and oppressive yoke of Spain. The mother country had burdened little Cuba with excessive taxation and had done nothing looking toward the development of the isle. Cuba had always been faithful to the mother country. She had been devoted to its cause and had come to be known by the Spaniards as 'the ever faithful isle.' But her devotion was met with tyranny and oppression and her repeated petitions for liberty were unheeded. Then the little isle began a struggle for liberty. Mr. Allen deplored the apathy of the United States toward Cuba. It was not characteristic of Americans, as was shown by the intervention in behalf of Venezuela. There was no boundary dispute in Cuba, no imaginary line; but there was the deep line in the mother's brow and the line on the fair child's face. Murder was a pastime to the Spaniard. Tearful eyes were viewing the ruins which now covered the land which was once so fair and beautiful; longing eyes were looking for the flash of the sword which could make Cuba free.

"For beautiful composition Mr. Allen probably was far ahead of his competitors. His greatest fault was an inclination to depend upon dramatic force for the interpretation of his thought. In doing this his enunciation was not clear and frequently the words were unintelligible."

### The Musical Association.

The musical clubs are going to give us a concert. It is to be a decided musical treat and an extraordinary affair for every Union man. The date announced is Monday, April 20th, at the Van Curler. The Glee club has many new songs, but nevertheless they will not neglect those familiar ones, which are associated with all our best memories of college life. The instrumental music will also be new and popular. As a matter of fact every man in college will need several tickets. They may be obtained of Manager Clowe or from his assistants, who have voluntarily offered to dispose of them, and who will canvass the classes.

A second concert will follow on the 22nd, at Odd Fellows Hall, Albany. The concert in Albany is usually the most successful event of the season, and in view of the present college removal agitation, it promises to be as successful this year. This, however, will depend largely upon the college men whose homes are in Albany. By a little canvassing of tickets in that city among their friends and the alumni, the attendance will be greatly increased. We hope also that the university students in the Law school and Medical college will attend in a body, and thus materially aid the success of the college's student associations.

It is to be remembered that the profits of these concerts not only lend toward the support of a Musical Association, but are also divided among the Foot-Ball, Base-Ball and Track Athletic Associations. If the management is able to make these two coming concerts a success, a large share of the profits will then be used in the advancement of both the Musical and Athletic Associations during the coming year.

### A Communication.

#### *Editor Concordiensis:*

The letter of A. W. Gleason in your issue of March 25th, relative to the removal of the college to Albany, propounds several questions, and I venture to answer them from the standpoint of an alumnus who resides in New England, who daily comes in contact with the graduates of New England colleges and who knows something of their history and present equipment for the education of youth, yet who withal is a loyal son of Old Union and has for his alma mater a love as deep as if he were yet within her portals.

"Who in all this world has an interest in Union College if not the students who are a part of it?"

I should answer—the faculty who are devoting their lives to Union, the trustees who guard its interests, the alumni who show by their lives the result of the years spent in college and their best endeavors to promote the welfare of the institution, the men who have given of their means to endow the college and render its existence possible have an interest in Union College and in their keeping that interest is safe. With all due regard for the wishes of the undergraduates I do not feel that they should enter largely into the decision.

"What would they do with Jackson's garden and the campus and the grove and the brook and the woods the brook flows through?"

I should leave them right where they are; it would be difficult to move them and the memory of the alumni would be as the memory of a departed friend—pleasant, yet sad for their loss, but in no way preventing our living and making the most of our opportunities for the future. Old Union has lived too long in the past, has too many old associations which hamper our progress. With all respect to Dr. Nott, there is to-day evidenced by the alumni too much thought of Dr. Nott and what he said and did and not enough consideration for Dr. Raymond and what he is anxious to do but cannot. Let us have at our alumni meetings promises of future work, helpful aid to the new regime in-

stead of praise only for Dr. Nott and the olden days. Let some wealthy man get on his feet and tell what he will do for Dr. Raymond and the Union of to-day instead of what he used to do in the days of Dr. Nott and the walls of that building which is used but once a year will develop an echo which will prove it good at least for a sounding board.

"What will they substitute for the beautiful view of the valley and the hills?"

I would swap the view of the valley for buildings, for dormitories so that our sons when they enter college can live in suitable rooms, have comfortable warmth, light and ventilation, for all the appurtenances of modern life found in other colleges, for an up-to-date Burt and power to get water nearer than the old pump, for a gymnasium commensurate with the prowess of Union's sons, and suitable homes for the faculty. I would trade the view of the hills for an endowment that would provide an equipment for the college capable of doing the work in which it is now lacking,—trade the view of one hill for a new chemical laboratory, another for a physical laboratory, another for an engineering department, and if there were hills enough I would get in the bargain a biological and histological laboratory.

I would leave the central building where it is that in future ages wise men may gather and discuss its probable origin and use much as they do now with the old stone mill at Newport.

"The memory of the dead, the heart throbs of the living, the voices of the past, the hopes of the future all demand" not "that Alma Mater remain forever where her walls have grown gray" but that she should take such a rank that her future take precedence of her past, her possibilities of good and future work overshadow even her glorious history and this can be safely left to those in authority.

F. T. ROGERS, M. D., '80.

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Van Vranken, '96, represented Alpha Pi of Chi Psi at the meeting of the alumni, held at the Holland House, New York City, March 26.

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**All subscribers whose subscriptions are still unpaid will find a blue mark on this paragraph, signifying that a prompt remittance will be greatly appreciated.**

OUR readers will recognize the name of Mr. John T. Mygatt, '58, the writer of the leading article of this issue. Mr. Mygatt is well known as one of Union's prominent alumni in New York City, and it was he who composed the Union College Centennial March which met with success at the Centennial exercises last June.

IT IS with exceeding regret that the attention of many subscribers of THE CONCORDIENSIS is again called to the fact that their subscription is due in advance, and the request must be made that they give this matter their immediate consideration. Without the article called "cash" we cannot get

out a good paper, and the students' subscriptions are far in arrears. This is the beginning of the term, when everybody is supposed to have money, and an early settlement of your subscription will be greatly appreciated.

WE DO not consider it out of place to correct the error made by Mr. Ward, of Albany, in one of his speeches, (an error that has been circulated by several newspapers,) when he said that the faculty were unanimously in favor of removing the college to Albany. Upon inquiry among the faculty we have learned that they have taken no formal action whatever upon the matter, nor do they consider that it has anything to do with them at all, but is a matter for the trustees alone to discuss. Their position is strictly non-committal, and when otherwise stated is without authority.

ENGLISH FICTION is the name of a new course that has been started in many colleges very lately. This course is meeting with unbounded success, especially at Yale. Great novels of the day, by famous American and European authors, are read and discussed and the privilege of commenting and passing criticism upon them before an instructor is most interesting and beneficial. The student is given every opportunity for reading standard works of fiction and in this way he is able to develop a taste for good literature that will last a lifetime. We hope in the near future to see such a course instituted at Old Union, for we are sure that it will meet with a well-deserved success.

FOR SOME reason there was a very great delay in sending out the reports of the students for the winter term; no one received his report until he had been back for nearly a week. Perhaps there is some very good reason why this delay occurred, but the rumor is that it was caused entirely by two or three members of the faculty who were so very slow in sending in their marks. Certain it is that the Registrar is not to blame, for she worked all the vacation, but was unable to complete her work because of some one's slowness. We are taught to have things done promptly and on time; but now we must protest about the backwardness of certain instructors. And we make this protest because it is unfair to the students, to the rest of the faculty, and to the whole college.

DURING these balmy spring days Union's athletes are by no means resting on past laurels. The base-ball men are going through their daily practice with great earnestness, and a good team is bound to be the result of such regular and conscientious work. Outdoor practice is now in order, and the campus will soon be in first rate condition again. Union's base-ball prospects are surely as bright as they ever were, and an excellent team will no doubt be put in the field this season. Our track athletes, also, seem to be going about their work in the proper spirit. Cross-country runs are now being taken every day, and will be continued until the track is in fit condition to work on. As soon as it is each man will then pay more attention to his individual event. The runs are a valuable agent by which many good athletes are developed, and to a man who intends to do regular training throughout the spring they are of inestimable value. Our track team should be even better than it has ever been before, and we have no doubts that it will.

It is encouraging to note that while Union's representative at the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical contest did not win the prize, he acquitted himself with great credit. The Rochester papers all admit that the subject matter of Mr. Allen's oration was superior to either of the other two, but that he lost the contest by a lack of proper oratorical training. This is the second time that Union has lost the contest merely because her representative was deficient in his delivery, and should it not impress upon the authorities the importance of more work in oratory during the college course? At present nearly all that one gets to help him in his delivery is what he obtains outside through personal effort. The college gives but little aid in this line, and consequently we have few good speakers among the students. To be a good speaker is a result that one should strive after, and it will be especially appreciated in after life, when one goes out into the world.

It is with the greatest of pleasure that we hail the revival of the course of Butterfield lectures. For the past three years these lectures have been one of the finest courses in the college curriculum; and besides this they have given Union a reputation away from home, for all have looked with envy upon the list of speakers that have been gathered together. And well they might; for it seldom occurs that the same audience is permitted to hear so many men of national repu-

tation, and such wide and practical experience in the lines upon which they speak. The college is certainly thankful to the founder of this course, Gen. Butterfield; by his energetic efforts he is bestowing upon his college a gift of inestimable value. Nor should the student body lose sight of the profit that may be gained in this way. A mere glance at the list of lecturers that have already appeared is sufficient to mark them as the most representative men in the country on these subjects. The object expressed at the time of founding the course was to give the students of Union college an opportunity to hear the first men in the nation speak upon the themes with which they had had the most experience. It was to be a practical lecture course, and it has certainly fulfilled the end designed for it; for there is a vast amount of instruction to be gained by listening to men who have made an eminent success of life; and it is to such men that Union students have been permitted to listen. Another valuable feature in connection with this course is the offering of prizes for the best essay written on each lecture. As many students as possible should try for these prizes, for the very taking of notes and writing of essays help to derive the greatest amount of good from the lectures. The students are certainly to be congratulated upon this wonderful opportunity extended to them by the kindness of Gen. Butterfield, and it only remains for them to make the most of it.

### Track Athletics.

It has been definitely settled that Union is to send a team to take part in the relay race carnival which occurs April 25, at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania. Union has several fast men for the distance that each man will run, the quarter-mile, and she ought to win her heat easily. She has been matched against Amherst, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The preliminary contest to pick the four men to represent Union will be held shortly. Among those who are in training and who intend to try for the team are Kilpatrick, '98, Sands, '98, Taylor, '96, O'Neill, '97, Cregan, '99, French, '99, Bradt, '99, and Wright, '99. Work is now being taken every day which consists of light exercise in the gymnasium, followed by a short

cross-country run. As soon as the track is in condition, training will be begun on that.

It will be remembered that last spring Union had a dual meet with the University of California. The latter is again contemplating the matter of sending another team east this spring, and if she does, another meet is pretty sure to be arranged. The following letter will show with what regard the California athletes hold Union men:—

*W. L. Terry, Manager.*

DEAR SIR:—

Yours of the 4th inst. at hand to-day. Yes, we are endeavoring to complete arrangements for an eastern trip this spring but I seriously doubt whether we shall go farther east than Chicago and its immediate vicinity. However, I am pleased to receive your proposal and should we go to New York I should endeavor to arrange a dual meet with Union. Our visit to Schenectady last year is our most pleasant memory of our trip to the east and I am sure, that at least the old men of last year's team, would heartily favor another measure of athletic strength with Union's athletes. I shall inform you of our decision as soon as any decision at all is reached.

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS T. MERWIN,

Track Capt., U. C.

586 20th Street, Oakland, California.

[NOTE.—As we go to press we learn that Manager Terry has arranged a meet for May 16.]

Miss Casey, of Auburn, N. Y., visited her brother, A. O. Casey, '99, before the close of the winter term.

Capt. Sullivan began outdoor practice with the base-ball team for the first time on last Thursday afternoon.

W. L. Sawyer, '95, M. H. Strong, '96 and W. E. Brown, '99, attended a wedding at Hudson, on April 8.

Manager Terry, of the athletic team, has received an invitation from the 23rd Regiment, of Brooklyn, to send a relay team to compete in their indoor meet on March 18.

In mathematics the Latin Scientific and Classical divisions of '99 have taken up Trigonometry. The Scientific and Engineering divisions have Analytic Geometry.

## THE ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

Mr. Nye has returned from a trip to various places in western New York.

Judge Herrick began a series of special lectures last Thursday on Municipal Law. He is a master of this branch of the law, and his lectures are admirable ones.

The Moot Court held on the 10th inst. was a pleasing change from those held heretofore, in that it consisted of a trial instead of an argument. The jury consisted of twelve unusually intelligent looking men, who gave very strict attention to the evidence. The case was well tried by both sides. Battershall conducted the case for plaintiff and Oliver for the defendant. W. G. Brown and Aulls figured as Medical experts, to the evident satisfaction of their respective counsel. Messrs. Burke, Danaher and Mosher, who acted as witnesses, had their stories well learned, and proved themselves, upon cross-examination, to be incapable of falsehood. The summing up was deferred for one week.

The Moot Court held on March 20, was one of the most interesting of the year. Mr. Sawyer, in the absence of his associate, Mr. Lee, ably conducted the case for the appellants. Mr. Nye in his inimitable way opened the argument for the respondent, which was supplemented by Mr. Mosher, with forcible and convincing argument. The opinion, delivered by Mr. Aulls, was a most creditable effort; his bursts of fiery eloquence completely captivated the spectators, and even the dignified court was forced to admit that the days of Websterian oratory have not passed.

Vosburgh, '96, Frey, '97 and Dillenbeck, '99, spent the vacation at their homes in Palatine Bridge, N. Y.

Dr. Wells began yesterday his annual course of lectures on current history. His subject was "The American School and Students in the Athens of To-day."

## Local and Personal.

Cook, '99, has left college.

Sinclair, '98, is visiting his brother in Chicago.

Prof. Pepper spent the vacation in New York.

Guernsey, '99, spent the vacation at Broadalbin.

Haviland, '98, spent the vacation in Glens Falls.

Prof. Buck spent the vacation in Boston, Mass.

Sawyer, '95, was visiting friends on the hill last week.

Lawrence, '99, spent the vacation with friends in Buffalo.

Pruyn, '99, was at his home in Albany during the vacation.

Sommer, '96, spent the vacation at his home in Tonawanda.

Perkins, '98, spent the vacation at his home in Lyme, Conn.

French, '99, spent the vacation at his home in Binghamton.

Cross-country runs, captained by Sands, are now taken daily.

Wilson, '99, after an extended illness, is again in college.

Bray, '99, has returned to college after six weeks of illness.

Prof. Opdyke spent the vacation in Plainfield, N. J., his home.

'99 will have English history under Dr. Ripton this term.

Pildain, '97, spent the vacation with Beattie, '96, at Middletown.

Prof. Edwards spent the vacation at his home in Riverhead, N. Y.

H. H. Brown, '97, was in Boston and vicinity during the vacation.

Little, '97, was at his home in Rochester during the vacation.

Fuller, '97, has returned from a recent visit to Kalamazoo, Mich.

Prof. James L. DeLong, '88, of Jolon, Cal., was on the hill last week.

Wright, '99, spent the vacation with his cousins at Oneonta, N. Y.

Prof. Truax was in New York for a few days during the spring election.

Van Wormer, '99, spent the vacation at his home in Dannsville, N. Y.

Lord, '99, and Lamphere, '99, spent the vacation in Lowville, N. Y.

Sommer, '98, spent the Easter vacation at his home in Tonawanda, N. Y.

Gage, '99, spent the vacation with his grandparents at Johnstown, N. Y.

The relay team to represent Union at the U. of P. meet will be chosen April 18.

Kilpatrick, '98, acted as best man at a wedding in Winstead, Mass., last week.

Griffith, '98, spent the Easter vacation with friends in New York and Brooklyn.

T. B. Brown, '98, on account of ill health, has left college for the present term.

Johnston, ex-'95, expects to enter college next fall in order to finish his course.

M. A. Twiford spent part of the vacation at Sandy Hill, as the guest of A. S. Derby.

Prof. Landreth was in Elmira during the vacation, examining its drainage system.

Dr. R. A. Lanter, Med., '95, house physician of the Albany Hospital, was in town Easter.

Hayes, '97, has recovered from his recent illness, and expects to return to college soon.

Multer, '97, and Hornsby, '90, spent a part of the vacation with friends at Oneonta, N. Y.

Prof. Landreth has finished a piece of water works engineering for the city of Binghamton.

Parsons, '98, Baker, '98, and McKeefe, '98, spent the vacation at their homes in Plattsburgh, N. Y.

Van Vranken attended the meeting of the Holland Society, at Sherry's, New York City, on April 6.

Prof. John Van Schaick, Jr., '94, principal of the Union Free School, of Sharon Springs, has resigned.

Dr. Raymond visited the Northwestern Alumni Association during the last week of the winter term.

Dr. Perkins gave his final examinations to the students of the Medical college on Thursday, April 9.

Homer I. Williams, '92, has been admitted to the bar and is now practicing law at Fredericktown, Md.

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS.

Rev. Dr. Montgomery Schuyler, dean of Christ Church, of St. Louis, died March 18. Dr. Schuyler was born in New York City in 1814, and graduated from Union in the class of 1834. He studied law, and engaged in business for several years, but then entered the university of the Episcopal church. Dr. Schuyler had been for 38 years president of the standing committee of the diocese of Missouri.

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In the spring handicap games at the University of Pennsylvania we are pleased to note that L. J. Lane, '98, won third place in the half mile run from scratch, the winner having a handicap of 50 yards.

At the Inter-Scholastic Meet, held at the Centre Street Opera House, March 27, the following Union men were officials: Referee, Dr. Linhart; announcer, W. A. Campbell, '96; starter, Kilpatrick, '98; judge, Dillingham, '88; timers, Sand, '98.

Prof. Hoffman spent his vacation in New York; next year he will take advantage of the recent regulations of the trustees whereby a professor may have a leave of absence for one year after having served as a professor ten years, and he will go abroad, devoting most of his time to philosophical study in Berlin.

At the meeting of the Adelphic society, held last Friday, the following was the subject of discussion: Resolved, That the aggressive policy of Great Britain in America during the present century has been in accord with the higher interests of civilization. The affirmative was supported by Guernsey, '96, Myers, '96, Nelson, '98; the negative by Dann, '96, Swan, '98, Vrooman, '98.

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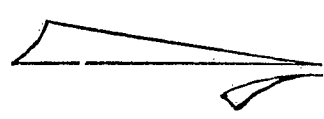
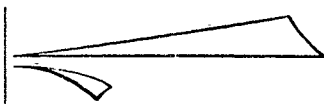


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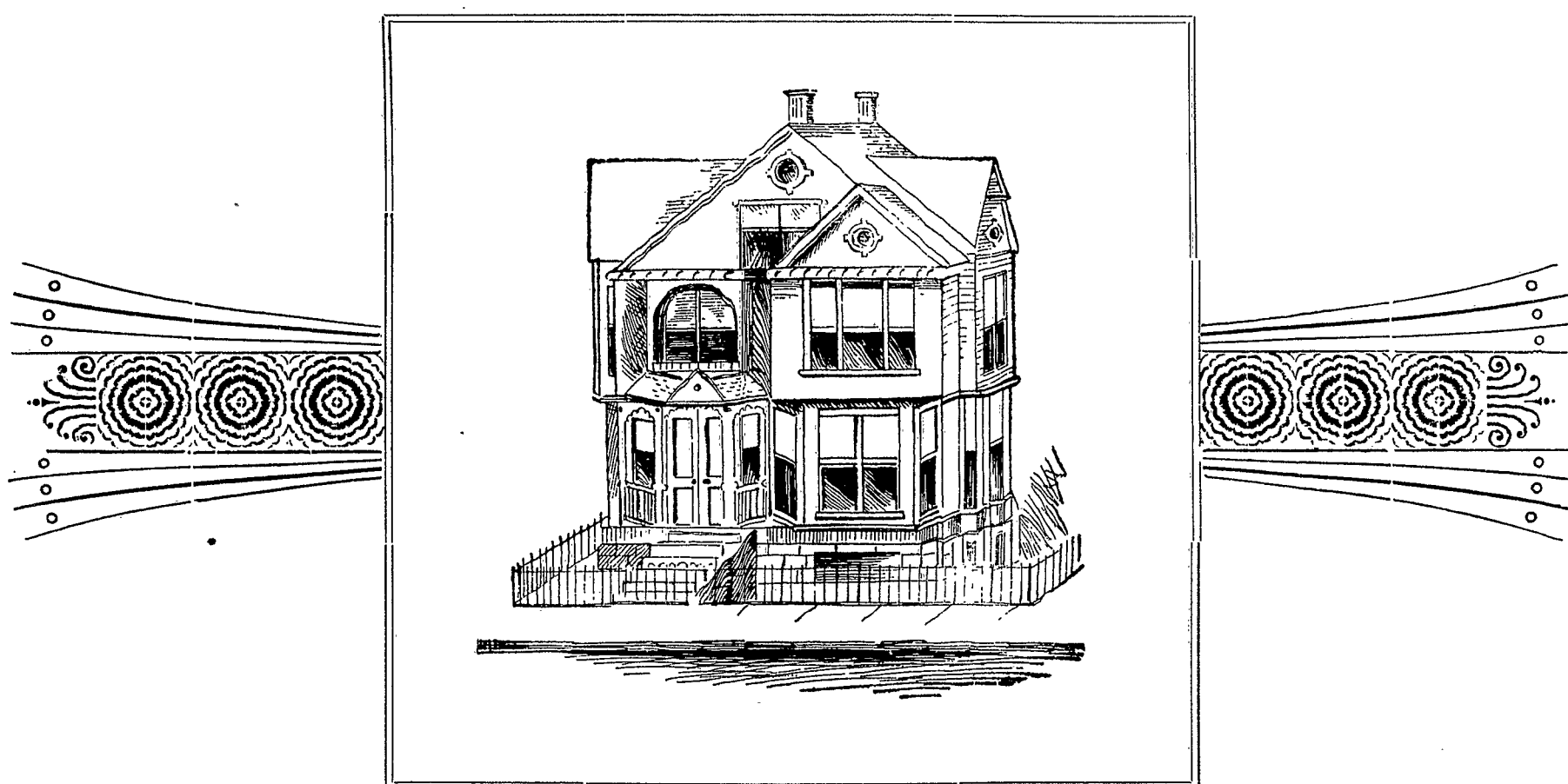
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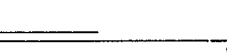
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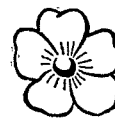
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