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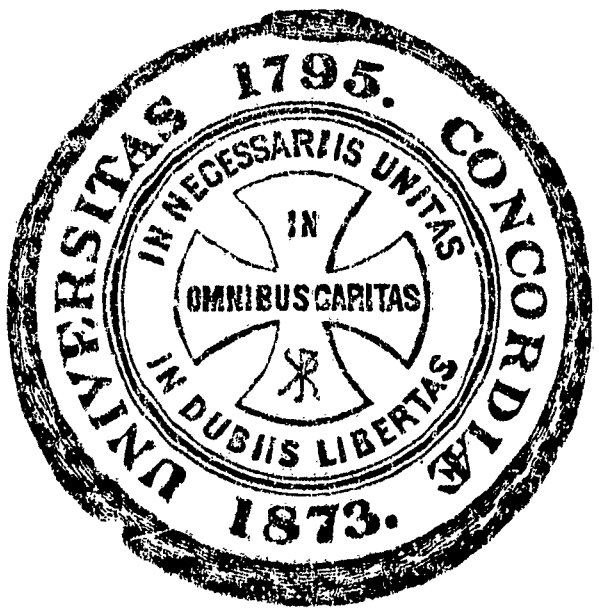

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New England Alumni Meet and Dine.

Dr. Ashmore's Response.

There have been few more enthusiastic alumni banquets in recent years than that of the New England association held on Wednesday evening of last week in Hotel Tuileries, Boston. It was the fourth annual meeting of the association.

At the business meeting, which preceded the banquet, these officers were elected:

President, T. C. Hurd, '56; vice-presidents, A. W. Archibald, '72, C. A. Phelps, '41; secretary, D. D. Addison, '83; treasurer, F. T. Rogers, '80; executive committee, F. G. Noyes, '53, A. L. Bennett, '87, G. A. P. Codwise, '82.

Daniel D. Addison, '83, made a splendid toastmaster and the responses were excellent.

The chief speakers of the evening were the Rev. E. Winchester Donald and Professor Ashmore.

"Though I cannot hope to be able to fill the place of our excellent president, Dr. Raymond," said Professor Ashmore, "yet as a member of the faculty of Union university, I may hope to be able to tell you a few things about the college at Schenectady, which will prove of interest. In the first place there is no manner of doubt but that the college has gone forward under the administration of Dr. Raymond."

"Speaking of Dr. Raymond's presidency," says the Boston Herald of Feb. 10," Prof. Ashmore said that the president had made a signal contribution to the cause of the higher education by introducing at Schenectady the arrangement of the so-called Sabbatical year, with the difference merely that the interval of service between two years spent abroad, is 10 years at Union instead of seven as at other colleges."

"If Dr. Raymond had lain down like Rip Van Winkle and slept out the remaining period of his presidential career," the speaker continued, "he would still have been entitled to the gratitude of all concerned for this signal contribution to the cause of good scholarship at Union. * * * * His activity is very great and his love for the college unbounded. His recent decision to decline the pastorate of the Broadway Tabernacle is evidence of this, for whatever the critics may hint to the contrary, I know that the decision has cost him dear, and can be justly regarded only in the light of self sacrifice in the cause of duty."

Dr. Ashmore reviewed at considerable length the present condition of the college and spoke of its needs. "The true indications of development are to be sought in an enlarged equipment and not, as many people imagine, in the number of students in attendance. * * * * Gentlemen, I have heard alumni of Union say that the higher education needed only a log of wood with Dr. Nott at one end of it and a student at the other. The early Greeks used to say that all education, outside of the gymnasium, consisted in reading Homer. But there arose among the Greeks later on, when Athens was at the zenith of her power, a man who declared that virtue was not to be sought for in Homer alone. Gentlemen, we need something more at Union than a log of wood and a Dr. Nott. We need more teachers, more lecture and recitation rooms, more dormitories, more apparatus of every kind, and we look to you to help us to obtain them."

Dr. Donald then spoke briefly on the advantages of the small college.

Among those present were: J. Bassett, Providence, D. W. C. Dergen, Greenville, R. I., George H. Sutton, Springfield, Philo W. Sprague, Charlestown, Andrew W. Archibald, Brockton, John W. Saxe, Boston, George A. P. Codwise, Tremont Temple, F. T. Rogers, Providence, Alden L. Bennett, Waltham, C. H. Ashton, Cambridge, Prof. Ashmore, Union College, Dr. E. Winchester Donald, D. D. Addison, N.G. Kingsley, Providence.

The Mid-Winter Meet.

The annual mid-winter meet will be held on the evening of February 25, in the Centre street Opera house. If the present interest be any criterion this will be one of the most successful meets here. Manager Cox and Captain Sylvester are doing their utmost and the fellows are responding splendidly. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Pollard so that all those who wish to compete for places on the team may take up general training in the "gym." in addition to the specific training required for any particular event.

The entries up to date are as follows:

100-yd. dash: Price, Lieut.—Price, French, C., French, S.; 220-yd. dash: Price, French, C., French, S., Gutmann, Hanan, Weed; 440-yd. dash: Hinman, Price, French, C., French, S., Hanan.

Bicycle race: Hild, Lieut.—Hild, Sinclair, Davis, W. B., Huntley, Davis, F. R., Hakett, Heermance, Ewing.

Pole vault: Weed, Lieut.—Hoxie, Sylvester, Fisher, Miller, Dalton, Weed, Hodgson.

High jump: Deyoe, Lieut.—Deyoe, Jones, Fisher, Turner, Yates, W. C., Weed, Tummins.

Broad jump: Davis, F. M., Lieut.—Jones, Davis, F. M., Hodgson.

120-yd hurdle: Sylvester, Lieut.—Vroman, G., Closs, Sylvester, Weed; 220-yd. hurdle: Vroman, G., Closs, Sylvester, Weed, Collin.

Half-mile run: Wright, Lieut.—Gutmann, Hartnagel, Wright, Reilly, Mallery, Slack, Merriman, Wormer, Bowden; Mile run: Hartnagel, Wright, Reilly, Tinning, Doran, Mallery, Bennett.

Hammer throw: McMillan, Lieut.—Miller, McMillan, Slack, Hotchkiss; Shot put: Vrooman, C., Hoxie, McMillan, Miller, Slack.

Mile walk: Hegeman, Lieut.—Hegeman, Turner, Paige, Hubbard.

A meet has been arranged for, by the management, with the Cooperstown Athletic club to be held at Cooperstown. The date of this meet has not yet been decided upon. Our own regular mid-winter meet will serve as a preliminary for the joint meet and only those will be taken to Cooperstown who are successful in making a place in the wid-winter meet.

It is very probable that class cross-country clubs will be formed early next term. The inter-class race last year was a great success. To make these clubs a greater success however, the inter-class race should not be held until after the inter-collegiate athletic meet. Preparation for this race is intended to serve as training for the inter-collegiate meet. If the race is held before the meet takes place, as soon as the race is over the men seem to loose interest in the meet and leave off training. This difficulty would be overcome if the race were held during Commencement week. If this could be so arranged it would be very likely to prove a very interesting diversion from the usual Commencement week programme.

Necrology.

General John Cochrane, ex-'31.

General John Cochrane, who died in New York last week, was a member of the class of '31, but was graduated from Hamilton. He studied law and practiced in Oswego, Schenectady and New York. From 1853-7 he was Surveyor of the port of New York, and was in Congress from 1857 to 1861. In 1861 he became colonel of the First United States Chasseurs, and in 1863 was made brigadier general, but resigned on account of ill health. The same year he was elected attorney-general of New York, and in 1864 was nominated for vice-President on the ticket with General Fremont, but withdrew in order not to imperil Lincoln's re-election. Later he was alderman and acting mayor of New York, was largely instrumental in procuring Horace Greeley's nomination in 1872, became a sachem of Tammany Hall, and was appointed police justice in New York. He was a member of the society of the Cincinnati.

At Dartmouth there is under consideration a plan of increasing the bill of each student $10 a year, that sum to be devoted to athletics.

Death of William Pardee Smith.

Last Tuesday morning, William Pardee Smith, only son of Daniel P. Smith of Newark, a member of the class of 1901, died of tubercular menengitis in the Ellis hospital. The disease had made such a rapid progress within the few days preceding his death that the end was not unexpected. The sad news however produced such profound sorrow that at noon all college business was closed for the day.

But a little over two weeks ago the young man complained of violent headaches. The attack was similar to one from which he had suffered a year ago, and it was hoped that no serious results would ensue. His condition rapidly became so much worse however, that his removal to the Ellis hospital was advised. Here he was given a private room and everything within the power of physicians and friends to alleviate his suffering, was immediately rendered. A Rochester physician had diagnosed the case as one of typhoid, but Dr. Pearson, the college physician, pronounced it tubercular menengitis. The specialists summoned confirmed the latter diagnosis and it was known that death was but a few days off. The young man's father had been summoned and he was in constant attendance. At last death came and it brought release from much suffering.

The deceased was only a few months over nineteen years of age. He had been graduated with high honors from the Newark academy but last June, having entered college in the fall. He was a member of the Delta Phi fraternity and held high standing with faculty and students. He was the sole surviving child of his bereaved father.

At twelve o'clock on Tuesday, the class of 1901 held a meeting in the chapel to take appropriate action. A committee composed of Messrs. Heermance, Hodgson, Wagoner and McNab were appointed to prepare resolutions of sympathy and respect. And it was decided to send two representatives of the class to attend the final services in Newark. Ten men were appointed to further represent the class at the afternoon services in the hospital. At a college meeting held for the purpose at 12 :30, ten men were also appointed from each of the upper classes to attend the services.

At 2 :30 the brief and impressive services at the hospital were led by President Raymond. The remains, accompanied by the students in attendance, were then borne to the Central station from whence they were shipped to the home of the deceased in Newark.

The bearers of the pall in Newark and in Schenectady were Messrs. Hackett, 1901, Purchase, '99, Crothers, '98, and Haggart, '98, all of the Delta Phi fraternity, and Hartnagel, '98, a life-long friend of the deceased.

Notes from Other Colleges.

A chair of American history has been founded at Hamilton.

President Eliot of Harvard proposes to confer degrees twice a year.

A new fraternity, called Alpha Alpha Omega, has been established at Dartmouth.

A "College of Commerce" has been established at the University of California.

The Senior Dramatic association of Amherst will take an Easter trip, playing "All the Comforts of Home."

The Rev. William Cassady Cattell, D. D., L. L. D., who was president of Lafayette from 1863 to 1883, died last Friday, aged 70 years.

A memorial tablet to the first graduating class at Pennsylvania, that of 1757, was presented last Friday morning by the trustees to the college.

The magazine list of the Syracuse university library has been reduced by the cutting off of twenty magazines, including the Arena, Popular Science Monthly, Atlantic Monthly, and McClure's.

The National Council of Phi Beta Kappa has sent to all the chapters two resolutions. They are, that it is inexpedient to grant a chapter to any institution which does not confer the degree of A. B. in course, and that membership in every chapter shall be limited to graduates taking that degree.

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IN the death of William Pardee Smith the class of 1901 and the college at large has lost a valued member. The end, coming as it did almost at the beginning of his college course, at the very awakening of new powers and new ambitions, seems especially sad. To his father, in mutual sorrow, the students of Union college extend their heartfelt sympathy.

EVERY dog has his day. Next week the bolter can fairly revel in bolts. To have made the occasion really enjoyable though, the faculty should have practiced the pleasant little ruse of pretending that recitations would be held as usual on the holidays, and then excusing the men each hour from recitation on pretence of sickness or the death of a relative. By a trifle more attention on the part of the faculty to such little things, the students could be made to have a much pleasanter time.

WE'VE heard it said and we believe it to be true that several of Schenectady's charming daughters have a bone to pick with the students in general who make a habit of stagging it to the two or three big dances of the college year. "Those boys," say the fair plaintiffs, "just call and call and eat our fudges and then when something big comes along they leave us at home. They're just to mean and stingy for anything." This is serious. Who are these fudge-eating rascals that go stag? Are they the ungallant knights who refuse to enter a florist's bill as "coal" in the monthly report to headquarters? Or are they the undeserving breed that delight more in paying athletic subscriptions than carriage fare? The party of the first part has a strong case. Let the staggers be known. Out upon them!

THERE is still but little improvement in the financial outlook for the coming athletic season, or perhaps it would be just as well to say, the coming season for athletics. The prospects for collecting the requisite sum from the students can scarcely be called bright. But while the managers, the athletic board, and the various speakers in the college meetings, are storming at the non-subscribers and the moderate subscribers, they should not forget the story of a certain widow and her mite. We believe that there is not a man in college who cannot subscribe something. There are not a few who have subscribed more than they can afford. But there are a great many students who, while abundantly able to pay far more than the average undergraduate, pay but the average amount per man necessary to furnish the required sum. These men are just as selfish, just as devoid of the saving grace of self-abnegation, as the man who doesn't give a cent; and some among this latter class are indeed gems. At times it seems that the "pocket nerve" is never so hard to touch as when protected by a cushion of long green. Until "from every man according to his ability" becomes the actuating principle of undergraduate affairs we need not expect much success in anything.

We still maintain that there is less discredit in a cancelled game than there is in an uncancelled

debt. And if the sum fixed upon by the athletic board is not forthcoming within a reasonable period, so far as is necessary games with other colleges should be cancelled, so that those colleges may have sufficient time to arrange new games for the vacated dates.

It is suggested that at the coming undergraduate banquet, after the mellowing influence of college songs and coffee, say, have gotten in their work, that this matter of baseball be brought up, not for consideration but for successful and immediate settlement. We believe that the reason those new alumni dormitories do not materialize as rapidly as they should, is that the alumni associations hold their business meetings before and not after the banquet. If the child be father of the man, the undergraduate is father of the alumnus. And there's nothing like getting started right.

Loucks the Man.

The New York State Intercollegiate Oratorical league, composed of Union, Rochester and Syracuse universities, will hold the fourth annual contest in Schenectady, Thursday, Mar. 3. The preliminary contest for Union's representative was held in the chapel Friday evening. The contestants were Francis Eugene Cullen, '98 and William Dewey Loucks, 1900. The judges were Professors Hoffman, Opdyke and Bennett. Each contestant gave an oration on the same subject, Napoleon Bonaparte. Mr. Loucks was chosen to represent Union last year and will do so again this year. The contest will be held in some one of the city churches.

The Amsterdam Concert.

The musical clubs gave another successful concert last Friday evening at Amsterdam. The concert had been well advertised and the many friends of Old Union in Amsterdam turned out in goodly numbers to welcome the boys. Their many courtesies were thoroughly appreciated. The concert was a success from both an artistic and financial standpoint. At the close of the concert the clubs were delightfully entertained by W. J. Kline.

Alumni Notes.

Charles Stanley Daley, '97, of New York is visiting Alpha Delta Phi friends.

W. Scott Hunter, '68, is a member of a commission to assess the value of lots in the rear of the Albany street school, Schenectady.

William Howes Smith, '69, Dr. Herman V. Mynderse, '84, and Robert J. Landon, '80, have been appointed members of the board of education of Schenectady.

At the banquet of the Manufacturer's association, held recently in New York, Charles Emory Smith, '61, responded to the toast, "Reciprocity and Commercial Expansion."

In the last number of "College Life," which happy title the undergraduates of the College of Emporia, Kansas, have chosen for their weekly publication, is contained a list of the "semi-weekly themes" of the freshman English course as outlined by Prof. John van Schaick. Prof. van Schaick graduated here in the class of '94, and is now Assistant Professor of History and English in the above-named institution.

Beautiful Snow.

The freshmen took advantage of the partial thaw last week and precipitated the annual snowball fight with the sophomores. No one seems to know just why so many of the theoretically and historically bloody failed to put in an appearance. Perhaps it was just a sudden and compelling desire to make recitations. "Quien sabe!" as the Spaniard says. At any rate, dropping for a moment into lingo the combatants will appreciate, "wot'ell de frosh do but do 'em?"

Yes, Russian baths and gelid champoos were scattered about in lavish profusion. Even the bystanders drew an occasional prize. Some of the specialties were very fine. The entertainment closed with a side-splitting parody on setting-up in which the whole company took part. The closing scene was a pathetic little skit representing the fallen heroes being helped over the terrace.

Next Week's Oratory.

In recognition of the fact that next week Tuesday is Washington's birthday, it will be duly observed as a holiday. At 10 A. M. short addresses will be given in the chapel by Hon. A. A. Yates, '54, and Hon. Judson S. Landon, '55.

Charter Day exercises will be held on the afternoon of the same day, as the college authorities have deemed it best to observe both holidays at the same time, so the regular work might be interfered with as little as possible. Charter Day will be observed at 2:30 P. M. in the chapel, by addresses from Hon. Warner Miller, '60, and Dr. George Alexander, '66. All the students are expected to be present at these meetings.

The Allison–Foote debate will not be held until next Thursday evening.

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Minor Topics.

Mr. Frank Stiles of Troy visited Sheehan, 1901, on the hill, Friday.

Cheesborough, 1901, spent Sunday in Albany the guest of Wagoner, 1901.

The titles for the third series of freshman essays are posted in the rhetorical room.

Charles Kilpatrick left Liverpool Saturday on the Campania, which is due in New York next Saturday.

The classes in physiology have recently dissected a heart and a kidney in connection with their regular work.

In a class meeting held last Thursday the freshmen decided to celebrate their victory by not making any recitations on that day.

Prof. Pollard proposed to the gymnasium classes that they should give an exhibition and dance at the end of the term. He offered to instruct the chosen men and said that work was the only thing needed to make it a success.

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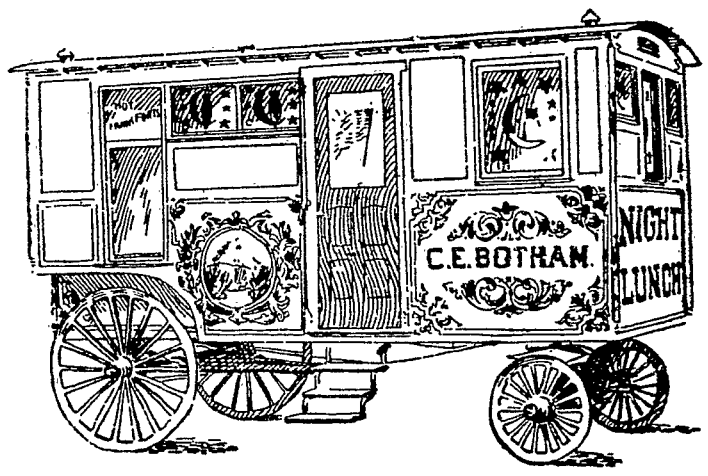

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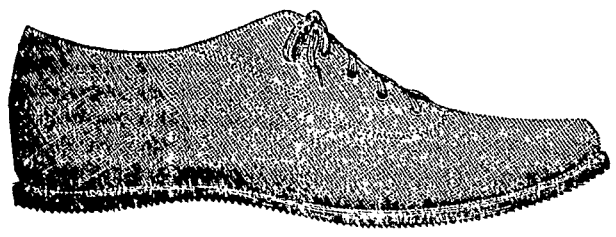

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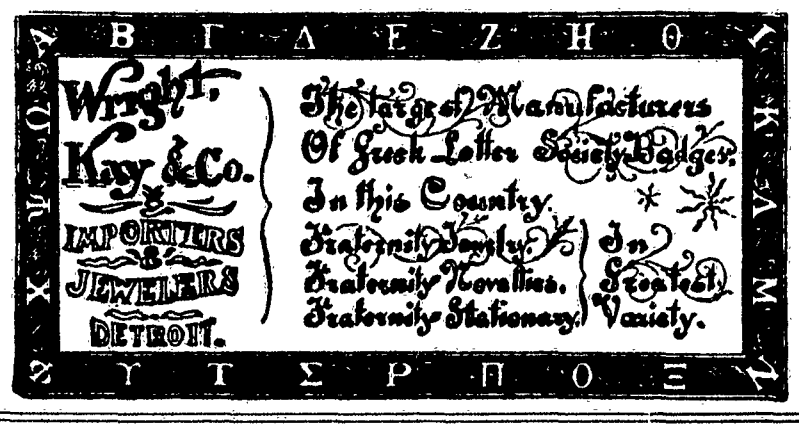

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