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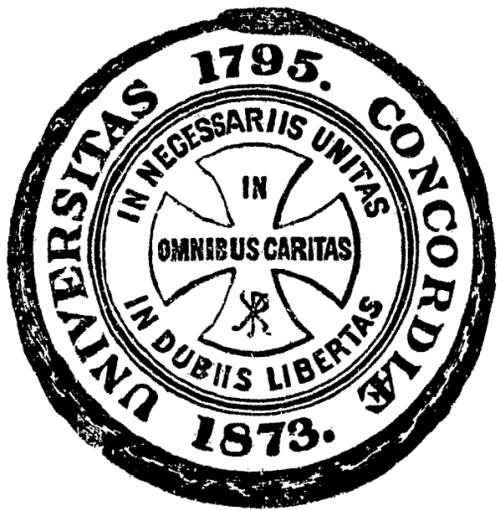
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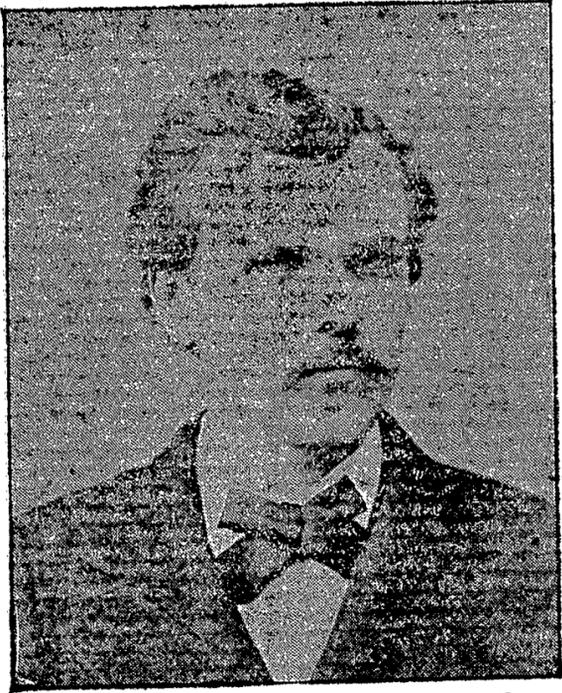


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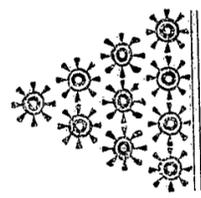


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Washington's Birthday Celebrated.

PRESIDENT RAYMOND'S ADDRESS.

The chapel was well filled with students and friends Wednesday morning to join in the observance of Washington's Birthday. After the spirit of the students had manifested itself in various yells, the exercises were opened with a hymn, after which President Raymond delivered a pleasing address on "Washington." In part, he said:

"While we recall other memories and know other names, our first duty is to him who called the nation into being. The memory of his exalted character has been the mightiest constructive force in our national life, since it has quickened reverence for those virtues lying at the basis of national power and greatness. Since inspiration comes from above, the life of the people can only worthily be nourished by reverence. A man is more than his deeds. The only vital forces in human affairs are spiritual. It takes more than the spirit of an accurate historian to discover the greatness of a great man.

"In Washington we see the greatness that comes with birth. A gentleman born, he inherited the instincts and capacities of a chivalrous nature, a self respect that meant inherent dignity, a reverence for purity that meant essential nobility. His life began on a high plane. His youth was prophetic of his manhood. The Washington of immortal fame was the Washington of clean hands and a pure heart, from childhood to age.

"And yet character is not all an inheritance. Much of virtue must be acquired. Right principles, noble impulses are not the whole of life. As a general, he was essentially greater than as a youth, because of the discipline of intervening years. Between the home of his

childhood and the Cambridge elm, lay the wilderness experience of the surveyor and the young colonel of militia, and the impression for it is that the impetuous spirit of the youth learned the lesson of unwearing toil and patient endurance. In nothing is the greatness of Washington more apparent than in the mastery of himself, not the victory of a day, but the result of years of struggle. The America of today and of all the future, needs the inspiring example of the heroic Washington, needs the lesson of that struggle with himself.

"If ever the fortunes of war hung upon one man, that was the war of American independence. The real crises came when the people were dispirited, the army disheartened, congress wrangling, criticism incessant and vicious. The greatest battles for independence were fought against the silent forces of apathy and discouragement. The greatest victories were those of the camp. Practically deserted by congress, attacked by intrigue, he stood alone, and his sublime faith, patience and magnanimity saved the cause of liberty in its darkest hour.

"The Washington that America honors is not a mythical Washington, but the true George Washington whose great spirit was the reality which falsehood and tyranny could not destroy, and while that spirit lives the nation lives.

SENATOR BRACKETT'S ADDRESS.

The Senator opened his remarks by saying that he had not come with a carefully prepared speech nor did he intend to produce a piece of oratory. He came as a neighbor to talk over the events in our nation's history which are suggested by Washington's birthday.

He said it was a fit day for national retrospection, a time when we should look back to see what the nation had accomplished and how far we have advanced. Our history may be divided into three periods: That of the Revo-

lution, that of the Civil War, and that of the Spanish War.

During the first period the motive was a material one. It found expression in the cry, "No Taxation without Representation." Whatever may have been the aims and the patriotism of the statesmen of that day, it is true that the underlying issue which determined the nation's course was a material and somewhat selfish one. The people were being treated unjustly and they rose up against it for their own sakes.

In 1860 we had reached a much higher level. The question was not whether we should right a wrong committed against us but whether we should do justice to an oppressed and down-trodden race. We righted a wrong.

In 1898 we came to the third period and to a still higher motive of action. The Spanish government in Cuba was an outrage to the century. In the late war we again saw that justice was done to an oppressed people but there was this difference between the motives of the two periods. In 1860 we righted a wrong for which we ourselves were responsible; in 1898 we took it upon ourselves to right a wrong for which we were in no manner responsible. In the last case we took a position as far above the second as that was above the first. We have proven ourselves to be worthy descendants of Washington and Lincoln.

After the war an unparalleled state of things existed. After the vanquished had ratified the treaty of peace, the victors debated the question for weeks whether or not we had obtained too much. This is a time when great care should be exercised by our legislators. It is our duty to sow good seed for the harvest will be as the sowing.

Last week was a busy one for Doctor Raymond. On Friday evening he addressed a literary society at Fort Plain, and on Saturday morning spoke before a teachers' association at St. Johnsville. Arriving at this city at half-past one on Saturday afternoon he was on the hill for a couple of hours and then took an afternoon train for New York, preaching at Englewood, N. J., on Sunday morning, and in the evening in New York before the People's Institute at Cooper Union.

Basket Ball

UNION VS. R. P. I.

The basket ball game played at Troy last Friday between the team from Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute and our 'varsity, resulted in a victory for the former with a score of 40 to 12.

The R. P. I. men played a clean, gentlemanly game throughout and were especially strong in their team work. The waxed floor proved a great hindrance to the best efforts of our team, and since the baskets were on posts and not fastened against walls there was no chance for carom shots. Then the out-of-bounds line was behind the goals, not before them, as in the "gym," so that our team which was playing only its third game, had a number of disadvantages to contend against. Union's playing in the first half was slow and lack of team work was evident. In the second half Elliot was substituted for Smith and the score for the half was almost tied; the result being 12 to 9.

The team was entertained by one of the fraternities before the game, and afterwards was given an informal banquet, at which the Trojans showed themselves to be excellent hosts. A return game may be played the first part of next term.

The line-up was as follows:

Thebo, Capt. }	Forwards	{ Creager.
Anderson. }		{ Jude.
Paige	Center	Phelps.
Carver, }	Guards	{ Jones.
Smith, Elliot. }		{ Southard.

Assistant Baseball Manager Elected.

At the last college meeting John M. Tuggey, 1900 of Malone, N. Y., was elected permanent assistant manager of the 'varsity baseball team. He will succeed to the management next year.

The college quartette, assisted by H. J. McClure, reader and impersonator, gave a concert in the First Methodist church at Lansingburgh last Wednesday evening.

The Freshman-Sophomore Snow Ball Fight.

The black clouds of strife were apparent at the college meeting on last Monday morning. The snow was just in the right condition for a small scrap between the freshmen and sophomores. After the usual business had been disposed of and enthusiasm aroused by the singing of college songs and the exchange of class yells, some upper classmen proposed to adjourn for the fight and at once hostilities began.

Some of the freshmen near the door gained possession of it and in trying to check the rush of some of the sophomores they completely blocked the exit for a time, but the crowd finally escaped to the campus where they found a small delegation from each class, which had come out by the other door, industriously engaged in pelting each other with such snow as they could find to pack.

This continued for some time, while the scene was occasionally enlivened by flashes of spirit in the shape of individual struggles in which two or three freshmen and sophomores became hopelessly covered with snow and water which covered the greater part of the campus. At the instigation of the upper classmen, a rush for the terrace soon began. No one knows just how it happened, but in some way or other both parties soon found themselves in close proximity to the "Grand Old Seat of Stone," and in a very short time forms were flying through space and alighting in the snow bank below the terrace in every conceivable posture. Some struck on their feet and others on their heads, some went alone and some carried others over with them, but all were on their feet and scrambling back in an instant. No one stopped to count the number of those who were thrown over, but it is generally conceded that the sophomores who thus drowned their sorrows, or themselves, in the snow bank beneath, were far more numerous than the freshmen.

After this sport had become monotonous the crowd returned to the campus where the struggle was again renewed and several attempts were made by both classes to form parades, but in

every case they were broken up before they were fairly started.

The struggle lasted for over an hour and a half before it was declared off by the upper classmen. Most of those who took an active part were clothed for such an occasion, but some were caught unawares and received rather rough handling. Enough damage was done to keep the tailors of Schenectady busy for the remainder of the week. No one was seriously injured, although there were many cuts, bruises and bleeding noses.

So far the honors have been quite evenly divided between the two lower classes. The Sophs were declared victors in the cane rush in spite of protest, but the freshmen can certainly claim the victory in Monday's struggle.

Personals.

George W. Waite, '92, was in town Friday.

Alexander T. Blessing, '96, is in New York.

Canfield, '97, and Kellogg, ex-'99, were in town last week.

E. V. Deuel, ex-'98, has been visiting friends in town the past week.

James W. Veeder, '94, has entered the semester at the Law School.

Rogers, 1900, has been chosen Union's alternate at the inter-collegiate Oratorical contest.

Rev. Edward T. Carrol, '89, rector of St. Ann's church, Amsterdam, preached in Christ church one evening last week.

Edgar S. Barney, '84, secretary of the New York City Alumni Association and a trustee of the college was in town last week Thursday.

The college quartette will sing at the banquet of the Union College Alumni Association of New England to be held in Boston on the evening of March 1st.

Ralph Bradford, '98, Guernsey R. Jewett, Cornell, '99, Harry S. Shicher, Cornell, 1900, and John W. Davitt, 1900, of Wesleyan were guests at Chi Psi lodge on Sunday.

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"QUEER animals aren't they?" remarked a member of the faculty, as he watched the sophomore-freshman snow ball fight. We agree with him in some particulars. This time honored custom is all right so long as it maintains its equilibrium, but just as soon as it degenerates into a hair-pulling contest or a slugging match, all enthusiasm and college spirit is extracted from it. The so-called snow ball "scrap" that lately occurred is a misnomer, for the snow balls played a very small part in the contest. College customs should not be twisted all out of shape. A snow ball fight should be all that its name implies. It ought not to be regarded a college custom when it becomes a rough and tumble scrap.

ABOUT two years ago efforts were made to start a fund for a new athletic field. Everything seemed to be progressing, and it was thought that within a short time enough money would be pledged to cover the expense. For a number of reasons activities

soon ceased, the principle one being a lack of co-operation in the work. This is unfortunate, for quite a large sum had already been subscribed. It is hoped that something will be done in the near future, so that activities can again be resumed. Union needs an athletic field very badly. The college has two important meets coming off in the spring, which might be held on the college grounds, and be a source of revenue if we had an inclosed field and a grand stand. There would be a larger attendance at the games on the campus if there were better accommodations for seating the people. Other colleges count on the gate receipts to pay running expenses, and there is no reason why, in a city the size of Schenectady, the patronage that would be given by the city people, should not more than pay the expenses of every contest. Sometimes it has been impossible to schedule games with first class college teams for our own campus, because we could not afford to bring them here. We could afford to bring the best teams to Union if we had proper facilities. The people will turn out to see a good game if they know they can sit down and watch the contest. The time is now ripe to push forward the scheme started two years ago. The undergraduates should take up the matter, and show that they are willing to do their part. The Concordiensis stands ready to co-operate with any movement in this direction and its columns are open to any who have any suggestions to make. In a few weeks we hope to be able to publish a list of those who have already subscribed, and other lists from time to time as the occasion demands.

Nathan Beckwith, '95, spent Sunday with Phi Gamma Delta friends.

M. A. Twiford, '96, is with Minat, Hooper & Co., dry goods commission merchants, Chicago.

Senior President Bradford has appointed the following committees: Class book, Rowell, Breeze and Davis; cap and gown, Hotchkiss, Huggins, Wright, H. K.

Barrett, 1900, has been engaged as tenor in the quartette of the First Presbyterian church of Albany. He is a member of the college quartette in which his work has been excellent.

The Allison-Foote Debate.

The annual Allison-Foote prize debate was held on charter day in the First Presbyterian church. The subject of the debate was "Resolved that the United States should construct and operate the Nicaraguan Canal." The Adelpic debaters were W. Dewey Loucks, 1900; Emil L. Winterberg, 1900; and Irving W. Ketchum, '99. The Philomathean speakers were Dix W. Noel, '99; Harrison K. Wright, '99; and Stephen S. Read, 1900.

The Philomatheans argued that the construction of the canal was necessary for the interests of commerce, for the unification of the country, and the military development of the nation. The United States is the only nation that can successfully construct this canal and no foreign power can do it with advantage to all concerned. If we carry out the project it will be in perfect harmony with the Monroe Doctrine and the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The United States can construct the canal better than a private company on account of the cost. Also it would advance the interests of the nation more than a private company could.

On the other side the Adelpics argued that the canal might better be built at Panama as the continent is narrower at that point, and a canal built there would be just as practical. The river would not aid the Nicaraguan canal because the rapids would hinder navigation. It would be a great expense in war since it would have to be fortified. We are too busy at present with foreign problems to have such a gigantic enterprise on our hands. Taxes are also heavy, and the additional expense would greatly burden the people. Transportation by this means would not be cheaper than by railroad and the distance from New York to the Philippines is much less by way of the Suez canal than by this projected canal.

The judges were Hon. Amasa J. Parker of Albany, Hon. Judson S. Landon of Schenectady and Mr. W. R. Emmett of Schenectady. They awarded the society prize of \$50 to the Adelpic society and the \$50 individual prize to Irving W. Ketchum, '99.

Charter Day Exercises.

The 104th anniversary of the granting of the charter to Union by the Regents of New York, was observed on Thursday with appropriate exercises in the chapel. Regular chapel service was conducted by Dr. Raymond, assisted by the Rev. A. G. Sewall.

The first address was by President Raymond, whose theme was the duty of the educated young man to the state. The full text of the president's address will be found in the January number of the Parthenon.

The other speaker was the Hon. Charles F. Wheelock, member of the State Board of Regents. The secretary of the Regents, Mr. Melvil Dewey, who had been expected to deliver the address, was detained on business matters.

Mr. Wheelock's main theme was the great advance in educational work of recent years. As an interesting example he cited the first annual report of the board of trustees of Union college. "The college property at that time was valued at thirty thousand dollars. The faculty consisted of four men—a president, a professor of natural philosophy and astronomy, a professor of mathematics and a tutor. Forty students had been enrolled. Even at that time some pretty good men were turned out. It is not altogether in the number of the faculty or men that results may be obtained from a college. The two great qualifications essential for educational work are scholarship and 'the right sort of feeling.' The social and athletic sides of college life should necessarily receive considerable attention. Education was formerly defined as the harmonious development of all the faculties. There is but one trouble in this definition—there is no truth in it. There have been many cases of young men weak in certain branches of study who have become most proficient later in them in life. A young man cannot tell what his tastes will be. He should have ample opportunity to develop what tastes he may have at the present.

"The number of students in colleges and professional schools in New York state during the last ten years has increased from twelve to thirty thousand. The latter number represents forty-five per cent. of the number of students at present in secondary schools. These figures mean that the college graduate of the future will not have so much of a monopoly as the graduate of the past has had."

Intercollegiate.

Dartmouth is agitating a two term college course.

Chicago university offers \$1,300 in prizes for debate to students yearly.

The report of the Harvard football association shows \$43,000 receipts and expenses of \$10,750.

In all the universities of France there are no papers, no glee clubs, no fraternities, no athletics and no commencement exercises.

Yale buys annually \$7,000 worth of books for her library. Harvard spends \$18,000 for the same purpose, and Columbia \$43,000.

The university of Calcutta is said to be the largest educational corporation in the world. Every year it examines over 10,000 students.

Dartmouth college has the distinction of having issued the first college paper in the United States, and the greater honor in having Daniel Webster as editor-in-chief.

University of Pennsylvania presents each member of the 'varsity football team this year a gold watch charm in the shape of a football as souvenirs. The subs receive silver ones.

The receipts of the Cornell junior ball were \$2,302.25, while the expenses amounted to \$1,800. The proceeds amounting to over \$500 will go to purchase an eight-oared barge for the navy.

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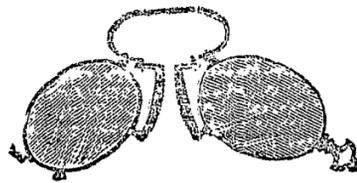
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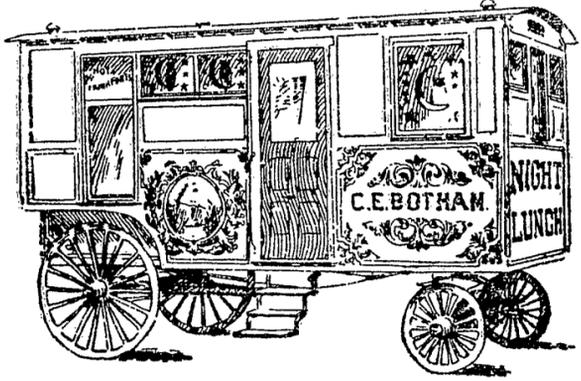
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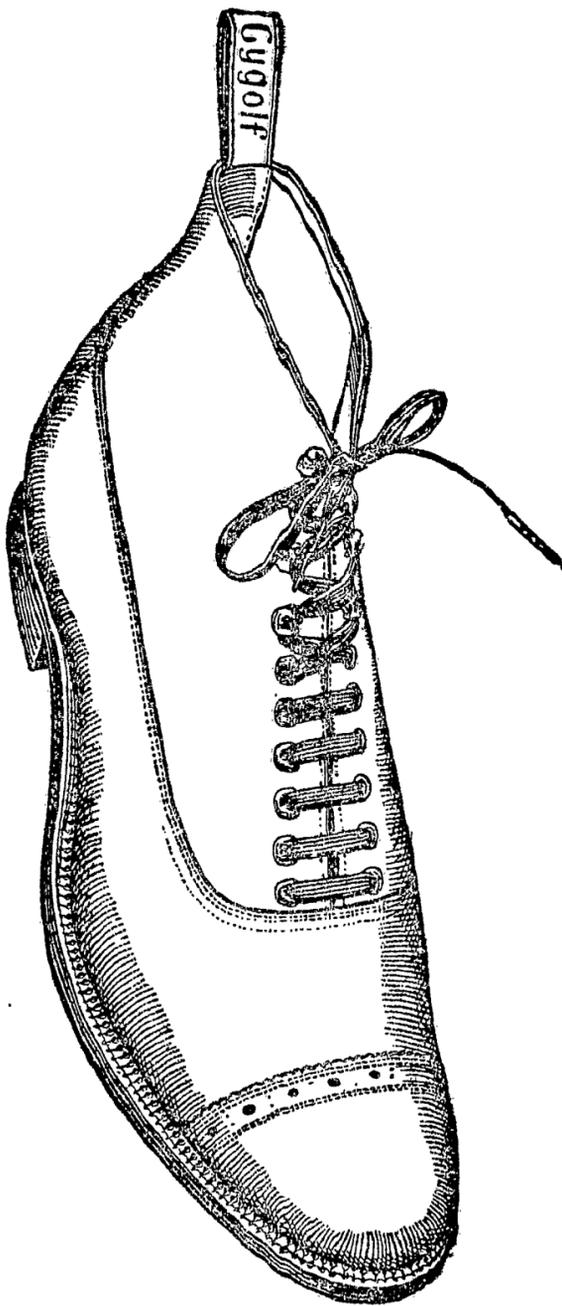
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