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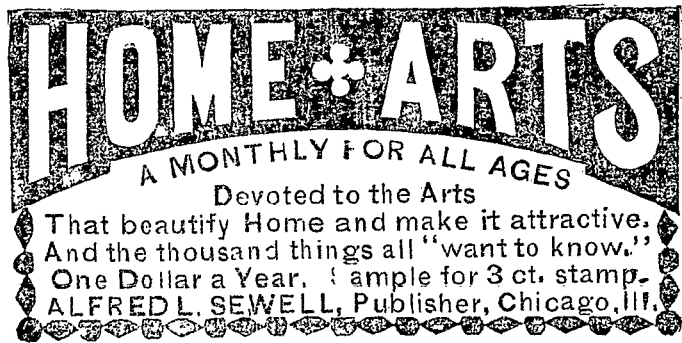
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## LITERARY.

### POWER AND PATHOS OF EURIPIDES.

BY THE LATE TAYLER LEWIS.

The article in Harper's Monthly for November on "The Power and Pathos of Euripides," by the late Dr. Tayler Lewis, accords well with the former productions of that mighty pen. We understand that the manuscript was found in a desk among his papers sometime after Dr. Lewis' decease. We design no review of this article, feeling that the name of the author is sufficient guarantee of its literary rank; but only to make selections of those parts which will most interest our readers, and recall to those who have known him the wonderful power and wisdom of the writer. We would gladly give the article entire, but want of space forbids.

In speaking of the rank accorded Euripides by ancient critics Dr. Lewis says: "According to the scale, as commonly expressed, Æschylus was the most sublime and religious, Sophocles the most correct in diction and skillful in his plots, Euripides the great master of all the Greek poets in calling out the tender emotions. \* \* \* In his deeply pathetic pictures there is nothing which the reader detects as unimpassioned art, designed to call his attention to the skill of the painter, and thus betraying itself by chilling interruptions of the flow of tender emotion. Tennyson and Joaquin Miller may do this, but such "May Queen" sentimentalities or

tender prettinesses are foreign to the sober muse of the great Greek tragedian.

"Among master pieces of this kind may be reckoned the dying speech of Iphigeneia at the sacrifice in Aulis, the farewell address of Makaria in the *Heraclidæ*, as she yields herself in like manner a sacrificial offering for her land and kin. \* \* \* \* The Greek presentation of this, like the Hebrew in the pathetic story of Jephthah's daughter, would seem like a type of that ineffable doctrine which forms the central truth of Christianity. The thought affects us as we read the dying words of Makaria (blessed one) as she 'pours out her soul unto death' (*Heraclidæ*, 80). The case differs from that of the Iphigeneia in its pure voluntariness, and from the Alcestis in the tragic accompaniment of a bloody death.

Ye see me in my maiden purity,  
Giving myself to die for this dear band  
Of brothers, and of kindred most beloved.  
Now fare ye well, and be ye richly blessed  
With all that good for which my heart is pierced.

"Put *ecclesia* for *homilia*, and how holy as well as touching is the suggestion to which it gives rise! It is the shadow of a greater truth. It is no far-fetched semblance that brings to mind the words, 'Remember me—my body broken—broken for you—for the forgiveness of sins.' \* \* \*

"The Troades, or Trojan Women, may, as a whole, be called the most pathetic of the Euripidean dramas. On this account we may venture to say it ought to be read more in our colleges; and some of our excellent American scholars, who have well served the public in this way, ought to make a text book of it with suitable annotations. It would furnish an admirable sequel to the Homeric story, calling up its most mournful incidents, such as the lamentation at the funeral of Hector, the wailing of the aged Hecuba at the sight of his fall, and that exquisite scene—than which there is nothing more moving in poetry, ancient or modern,—the Trojan

chief's farewell interview with his wife and child. Euripides, though he falls below the elder poet in the historical sublime, has truly caught the Homeric spirit in its deep tenderness, as exhibited in these passages, and one benefit of such a text book would be the awakened desire to read them again with a new and more intelligent interest."

The Doctor then gives a moving picture of the scene at Troy after the conquest: the mourning women, the fallen walls and the streets filled with carnage; Andromache the captive of "Achilles' heir," and the hurry of departure from Ilium. He mentions the cruel death of Astyanax, the young son of Hector, and the reluctant consent of Neoptolemus that the father's shield might answer as a coffin for the son. Talthybius, the Grecian legate, one of the sacred class called heralds, is next introduced. This character Dr. Lewis has delineated in such a way as to make us regret that we may not know it better. "He expresses humanitarian ideas which seem far beyond the thinking of the rude chieftains by whom he is surrounded. \* \* He is the finished gentleman most courteous and kind. \* \* \* He enters deeply into the sufferings of those wretched Trojan women. He is touched by the sad fate of the murdered boy, and of the poor mother who is compelled to leave him in such piteous circumstances. \* \* \* The gentleman, the hero, the courtier, and the priestly herald is also the man of business. He has tears for the wretched, but the times demand urgency. As a military man he must obey orders. These traits of character are presented in most touching contrast with the misery on the one side appealing to his feelings as a man, and the reckless riot on the other, with which, in his priestly and official character, he has to deal."

The article closes with a translation from the Troades of that portion in which the events which relate to what has been said

are chiefly given. We give two quotations from it :

## TALTHYBIUS TO HECUBA.

Still Hecuba remains one dip of oar  
To bear to Phthia's coasts what may be left  
Of spous allotted to Achilles' heir.  
For he himself has sailed, news having come  
Of strange reverse to aged Peleus,  
By Pelias' son, Akastus, driven forth ;  
Where forewith haste outweighing all delays  
He is gone, and with him sad Andromache,  
From mine eyes, even, wringing many tears,  
As setting forth she wailed her ruined land,  
And bids a last fare well to Hector's tomb.  
She asked him but to bury the poor dead,  
Thy Hector's child, who, falling from the walls,  
Breathed out his life. The brazen-plated shield  
The Achæan's dread, which oft before his breast  
His sire had thrown, this, too, she begged of him,  
Not to transport it to the halls, nor in  
The very chamber-place to pain her eyes—  
Where she, the mother of this murdered boy,  
Should meet the female captive's shameful doom—  
But that instead of stone and cedar folds,  
It might remain a coffin for her child. \* \*

## HECUBA.

Place the round shield of Hector on the earth—  
A mournful sight, and painful to mine eyes.  
O Greeks, in armor heavier than in mind !  
What dread possessed you of this child, that ye  
Should do this monstrous slaughter? Did ye fear  
That he might raise again our fallen Troy?  
Then surely were ye naught. For even then  
When Hector bravely fought, and thousands more,  
We met our doom. And now the city sacked,  
The Phrygian force destroyed, this little one  
Did ye so greatly dread? I must condemn  
Such fear as this, of reason so devoid.

## THE PACKAGE FROM HOME.

To one who has gone  
To unite with the throng,  
Afar from the loved ones, alone,  
There is nothing more bright,  
Nor gives greater delight,  
Than a snug little package from home.

Fond memories, dear,  
To the eye and the ear,  
And all to the heart ever known,  
And caresses of love,  
As if dropped from above,  
All unite in that package from home.

No cookies so rare,  
And no apples so fair,  
No oranges nearly so sweet;  
Neither riches could buy  
Nor abundance supply,  
All the dainties to make such a treat.

Mere trifles of earth,  
And not valued for worth,  
Yet welcomed with truest delight ;  
For in silence they quote  
More than pen ever wrote  
From the loved who miss one from their sight.

Some gift from above,  
And a message of love,  
From the student far off and alone,  
As a token in part,  
Of a warm loving heart,  
In reply for the package from home. ['81.

## MODERN EDUCATION.

The important subject of modernizing the classics in our colleges is receiving widespread discussion at the present time. It is a prevalent opinion of the great educators of the day that the curriculum of our higher institutions of learning has not been modified to suit the demands of life. One definite system of education has continued while progress has marked the course of society and science. There has not been a uniform development. The qualifications which have insured prosperity a few decades ago do not prove so efficient to-day. A revolution has taken place in thought, in social relations, in political principles ; in fact, in every sphere of action, and that culture must be indicated as superior which best enables the individual to grapple with the problem of practical success. Reform in this direction is therefore necessary. The belief of scholars in the principles which the old system embodies was so firm and universal that it was long before men rose above this narrowness and discerned the fundamental error which characterized their convictions. But necessity



has effected what judgment failed to. From the nature of the case an invasion into the long-established theory of mental culture was inevitable, and though the bulwarks of this system were deep-rooted and bigoted; yet the wedge of reform was driven deeper and deeper, until the belief that a liberal learning can only be obtained by six years of dead languages, and mathematics is not only questioned but denied by some of our best representatives of education. Occasionally we find men who are willing to lay aside prejudice and utter their opinions boldly. This is the true philosophy of progress. Guided by pre-established ideas, we too often fail to discover and advocate those principles which are living and practical. Though it cannot be claimed that the scientific course has been perfected, yet it can candidly be demonstrated as best fulfilling the proper functions of a baccalaureate course. Its highest aim is to impart knowledge, not culture. That a thorough scientific education excels in the attainment of this end is becoming more and more generally acknowledged. For linguistic discipline of the general student Prof. Winchell says: "I hold that German, French, Italian, Spanish, are little inferior to Latin and Greek, while all these modern languages fall in with the demands of modern life. This claim has been repeatedly denied, but I speak with consideration and experience when I reaffirm it." Here is a champion of advanced ideas. He verily speaks the sentiments of thousands who, lacking his boldness, fail to stand forth and proclaim what they believe to be true. He does not condemn the classics absolutely, but have them maintained by a few to keep their literatures alive. The real purport of all these discussions is simply that a large portion of the time consumed in the study of the dead languages and higher mathematics should be given to physical and social science, modern languages and literature. Our authority further asserts "that

nine clergymen out of ten are less benefited by their Greek and Calculus than they would be by an equal amount of natural science." It seems to be an almost ineradicable notion of the great mass of literary men that a college course cannot be at the same time disciplinary and practical. This, indeed, is the very point at issue. Though they may not state this so explicitly, yet it is virtually maintained in advocating a thorough training in the ancient tongues and higher mathematics, for it would be absurd to hold that these are of any practical value to the average man. On the contrary, the knowledge of these studies soon grows more and more vague until they become latent acquisitions, having given place to more worthy coquisitions. It is sometimes supposed that collegians speak Latin and Greek with as much fluency as their mother tongue. This is a delusion. Mr. J. M. Dalgell, having had ten years drill in the classics, and who holds his memory to be quite as retentive as that of most men, mentions the following quotation as all the latin he can recall at off-hand: "*O Tityre, tu patulæ recubans.*" "*Sole orientes fugiunt tenebræ.*" Was it worthy of so much study to retain so little? This is only one of a host of instances where the precious time of youth has been squandered at the shrine of classical culture. Scientific studies, however, furnish us with a treasury of knowledge which will be found to be applicable in everyday life. The fundamental difference which distinguishes the two systems is that one furnishes us with intellectual material which is necessary and living, while the other is accessory and past. In fine, the former is invariably useful, while the latter is comparatively useless. This view of the question is what has determined the minds of many disinterested scholars to support this reform. Let us not forget that this is a departure which strikes at the substrata of an old and universal system. Since it is a true measure

it must prevail, though it may be as slow in obtaining the acquiescence of men in general as was the planetary system of Copernicus or the circulatory system of Harvey.

G. S. G., '79.

### EDITORIAL.

AS MAY be seen by reference to the list of editors, two representatives have been added from the Sophomore class. A question was raised as to the advisability of allowing this representation, but we believe that all who are interested in the welfare of THE CONCORDIENSIS and who desire to promote good feeling between the classes will approve of the action which has been taken. In union is strength.

WE present this number enlarged and somewhat differently arranged. We have contemplated these changes for some time but have been unable to realize them before. This has been done at additional expense and more than ever do we need liberal money-support from students. By hearty co-operation on your part we desire to make the paper better than it has yet been.

WE publish in another part an article on "Modern Education." We do this with the hope and belief that it will provoke discussion. In it is involved a live question. In our opinion it is answerable. We are not yet ready to reject the solid old classics which gave training and impulse to the greatest men, in every profession, the world has ever seen.

OUR advertisers have special claims on us. By their patronage they contribute indirectly to us all in supporting an institution in which we are interested. They, in turn, deserve our patronage, and we urge our readers to give it to them.

THE high praise which is just now being bestowed by literary people generally upon one of our professors gives emphasis to a remark we would make touching the respect the students owe them.

The members of our faculty are, without an exception, courteous gentlemen; more than this, they are scholars who are held by the outside world in high reputation. And it is rank presumption and impudence for us to neglect to meet and treat them as such, if not heartily, at least formally.

We know that some of the lower classes are open to this charge, and that another class, which ought to be the last to permit the appearance of discourtesy, has, somewhat at least, overstepped the line of respectful deportment towards one who from indisposition has not exerted himself to suppress it.

Let class-opinion assert its disapproval of all forms of ungentlemanly behaviour.

TURN about is fair play, and as it is the undisputed right of the Professors to criticise and correct any wrong doing of the students, so we with due humility would dare to criticise the actions of our Faculty. Not long ago one of the Juniors was found fault with, and very justly, for studying during chapel exercises. Granting that strict attendance upon chapel services is one of the most important of college duties, it will not for this reason diminish the evil which occurs regularly. We refer to the marking of absent students during the reading of the morning lesson, and even during prayer. It would be hard to draw a distinction between the two cases. This practice is commented on by all visitors, and the remark of a visiting Professor of another college, "that the solemnity of the occasion and the beauty of the prayer were sadly marred by the fact that the attendant Professors were lacking in reverence," is only too true. We think that there is here a great field for reform.

THE fact that there has been such an interest taken in base ball this Fall by both Faculty and students, should act as a stimulus to the men now in college to second in every way the projects of the directors this winter. It is the intention to give various entertainments in the city for the purpose of raising funds for the Base Ball Association. That we have a good nine no one will dispute, and there is needed only sufficient training and practice, and ample funds to pay expenses, to insure to the lovers of this game a series of good matches on our own grounds in the Spring. Challenges have been received from various colleges, and it is hoped, with the consent of the Faculty and the co-operation of all in college, that the nine, after good preparation, may make a trip to the western colleges of this State. The defeat by Cornell in such an inglorious manner is yet to be wiped out, and Hamilton is very desirous of serving us in much the same way. If when subscriptions are called for the students will recollect that the sum they pay annually would not admit them to four games, were the usual prices charged; that here they have opportunity to witness double the number of good games, we think that they will appreciate somewhat its advantages. Should we, as other colleges, play in an enclosed space and charge admittance, all would willingly pay to enter. And why not subscribe the same sum to attend games on the campus?

NEARLY a year since an article appeared in these columns on the cry "Heads Out." The abuse it was intended to correct has ceased to be, and what is more natural than that we should say *post hoc ergo*, etc. The success in this instance suggests a like means of referring to another nuisance not as general but hardly less in degree. We refer to the filthy habit of throwing slops from the section windows in South College. If the care of

their rooms depended upon the men there would be more of an excuse for this indecency, but when this office is performed for them the want of regard which is shown for the cleanliness of our common walks; for the safety of any luckless passer who may chance to be beneath the questionable shower bath, and for college law and public sentiment, shows an inexcusable carelessness. We hope these words may be appropriated by those for whom they are intended; and if the word isn't sufficient, that college authorities will see that this abomination is put away.

A MATTER of special interest to every true student and one that should receive more general attention is our college museum. Now that so much is being done to advance the study of Natural History, and the opportunities given for pursuing its various branches are, without doubt, equal if not superior to those of any college in this country, it must be a lasting regret to men who graduate without fixing their knowledge of the class-room by practical work among the specimens. Unlike collections in other departments, the extent and variety (and consequently value) of the museum depends largely upon the interest which students who represent different portions of the country take in it. The fauna and flora vary considerably, not only from State to State, but in various portions of the same State. A slight effort on the part of the men would bring in the local species and add greatly to the richness of the collection. What are especially wanted now are birds and smaller mammals.

Of the three hundred birds mounted and placed in the cases during the last two years, perhaps two-thirds were furnished by one man. Were it not that he is modest, the art and taste displayed in putting them up might come in here. But if any one is anxious to judge of it, let him walk through the room and examine the cases; and then think



whether he can leave any more satisfactory or enduring memento of himself than a finely mounted bird.

OUR efficient colleague, Mr. Reed, has been suddenly called away owing to severe sickness in his home. We extend him our hearty sympathy, and hope he will soon return with the report of a happier issue than was feared.

WE wish to say just a word with regard to the college library. We notice from time to time, that in other colleges large sums of money are being appropriated for the improvement of the library, but we very seldom if ever see any thing of this kind with regard to Union, and probably never will till Memorial Hall is finished. In looking through the library one might almost think the students French or German, so many of the books are in these languages. No doubt they are valuable as books of reference, but cannot be of use to more than half the students as the classical have no opportunity of studying the modern languages. The Law Department is about such as one might expect to find in a library not devoted to law. We would suggest, however, that a new edition of Blackstone be purchased in place of the old one. The works on History are numerous and standard, comparing well with those of other colleges. The same may be said of the Departments of Theology and Science. In these branches the managers of the library have done well. The section given up to English Literature is too small and is wanting in some good and useful works. Many of the students would be glad to see the best novels placed in the library. To be sure it is thought this deficiency is made up by the society libraries. Many, however, do not wish to join a society, and some of these books should be in every library. The need that is felt most of all is that of a catalogue. If the library were grow-

ing very fast there would be some excuse for not making out a suitable catalogue; but as this is not the case we see no reason why we must look all through the library every time we want a book.

## LOCAL.

— There are now 43 Freshmen.

— Freshman B. says a *dog trot* is his *natural* gait.

— Why don't the Sophs do something worthy the name?

-- The Fair Season has fairly commenced, and Freshmen are happy.

— The Juniors are taking Chaucer this term under Prof. Alexander.

— A Fuller Inn is one of the suggestive signs of this place.

— THE CONCORDIENSIS will hereafter be for sale at Barhyte's book store.

— A certain Soph in South College says he has gone out of the 'stabling' business.

— The Juniors (scientific) are to take Spanish under Prof. Wells during the third term.

— There is a sign down town which reads as follows: "Carpenter's saws *field* and set shop."

— The Juniors can now get a little sleep, as they do not have to get up and study Mechanics.

— A man who has drilled for two years says: "The place to look for the duties of 1st Sergeant is in the *Ritual* of Arms."

— The students in the Medical Department at Albany number 153, more than at any other time in the history of the college.

— It is about time to hear something of the Garnet—the senior publication of the secret societies.

— Prof. in Physiology: "Does the human body give out more or less oxygen than it takes in?" Student: "Yes, sir; I think it does."

— We regret to notice the lameness of our genial friend, Lester. Its cause we have yet to learn.

— We observe with the most vivid appreciation the addition of several "French" horns to our military band.

— The correct thing for holidays, whist and dinner parties, will be the Vanity Fair Cigarettes, with your monogram.

— A couple of Fresh were so anxious to make chapel that they went around on election day, but, strange to say, were disappointed.

— Senior, reciting in Optics: "Don't you want me to give those signs, Prof.?" Prof.: "Well, yes, some *signs* that you know what you are about."

— A certain young lady of "Dorp" don't think our paper is much. That's right, don't. But next time tell some Freshman who knows enough not to give your name away.

— Doctor Lowell's new book—"Stories from an Old Dutch Town"—lies on our table. He may well be proud of it. An extended notice will be made in our next issue.

— Fresh. (getting out Latin prose): "Cæsar, the Commander of the Army," "*Cæsar caput exercitum*;" also "Brutus led the foot soldiers," "*Brutus ducit pedem*."

— Mr. Leonard Paige, class of '78, sang at a concert given in Union Hall Nov. 5th. Lieut. Best also took part, favoring the audience with some fine music on the violin.

— Mr. VanDerveer has started an evening school in the gymnasium. It is open for students and outsiders. The expense for joining it is fifty cents a month.

— Two students conversing upon the subject of one of the chapel orations, one of them said it was Disraeli. "Oh, no," said the other, "you are mistaken, it was Lord Beaconsfield."

— The officers of the class of '81 are: President, H. R. Fancher; Vice-President, F. E. Abbott; Secretary, H. G. Glenn; Treasurer,

D. H. McFalls; B. B. Director, W. P. Williams.

— It is remarkable how thirsty some of the boys in South College are about half-past ten o'clock. Almost every night a line of dusky figures can be seen stealing out on the road to the pump.

— At the State Convention of the College Young Men's Christian Association, held at Binghamton last month, Union College was represented by L. W. Beattie, '79, B. H. Ripton, '80, and A. V. S. Wallace, post graduate.

— It was a Freshman who is taking a course in Analytical Chemistry, who hunted in vain during all one forenoon to find the re-agent marked  $H^2O$ . He was somewhat surprised when the assistant finally directed him to the water-butt. '82 is still ahead.

— The second Temperance Society in the State of New York was formed in Union College. President Nott was one of the chief leaders of the temperance cause in America. He was among the first to preach and practice total abstinence. Where are we now?

— President Potter has brought from New York, for the Art Library, the three splendid volumes of Lacroix on Medical Art and Life, with beautiful illuminations. He has also procured several pieces of statuary, and other art objects for the new Art Department.

— The authorities have at last concluded to supply a want long felt by the students, viz., some bath tubs. They (the tubs) are to be in the gymnasium, and under the direction of Mr. VanDerveer. This certainly is a step in the right direction, but do not let it stop here.

— Scientific phraseology is a "thorn in the flesh" to these scientifics. One of them wanted to know "what's the literal meaning of the word Archean?" "Oh," said a classic senior, gravely, "it's from the Hebrew for 'Ark,' and the Greek '*eos*,' *before*, meaning *before the ark*."

— At a regular meeting of the Adelpic Society Oct. 26, the resignation of Mr. L. W. Beattie, Librarian, was read and accepted. A ballot was then taken resulting in the election of Mr. A. C. Dingman, '79. Several new members have been initiated into the Adelpic during the past month.

— Where is the decennial catalogue of the Alumni of Union, which is due this year? We hope the authorities will not omit a publication of so universal interest. We are proud of our Alumni, and like to have a record of their names, professions, and whereabouts.

— The World, published every day in the year, is sent by mail, postpaid, at \$10, or \$5 for six months. The Monday issue, whose second page is devoted to the Book Reviews and College Chronicle, is sent separately at \$1.50, or 50 cents for four months. All subscriptions should be addressed to "The World, 35 Park Row, N. Y."

— A student returning from the city quite late one night, and having a little music (or something else) in his soul, concluded he would sing. So he began, "There's music in the air, the infant morn must be somewhere in the vicinity." Here he stopped, as it was evident he could not make the words and the tune go together.

— Scene in Optics. Prof.— "Mr. H., how was the velocity of light computed?" Mr. H.— "By calculations on the satellites of Jupiter." Prof.— "Very well, but how?" Mr. H.— "By astronomical observations — (signs of a storm) oh, I see, by eclipses." Prof.— "That will do, sir; the eclipse seems to be *total*." (It storms.)

— A new Freshman while attempting the fool-hardy task of swinging on the rings in the gymnasium the other day descended rather abruptly to the floor, injuring himself quite badly. He insisted that his arm was broken, but the medical man found it to be only a severe sprain. Moral for Freshmen:

If you don't want to take a fall, *soar not too high*. This has several applications.

— A letter was recently received from the secretary of the Williams College Foot Ball Association, expressing a desire to play us a "Rugby game." Not having a college association organized, of course we cannot play them. But we sometimes play base ball, and had some time before sent a challenge to Williams, to which we have received no reply. We would like to hear from them on this subject, and hope a game may be arranged for next spring.

— A Freshman Scientific writes the following translation of Cæsar on the board: "He demands of the province the greatest number of soldiers it is possible. He also orders the bridge to be destroyed." Now see here, Freshie, out of the abundance of a heart overflowing with sympathy, we suggest that there is a back door (alas, how many find it!) to Union College, and that several trains leave town daily. Why delay? "*Incidit in Scyllam qui vult vitare, Charybdim*," you know.

— One of our juniors has recently suffered a severe loss and consequent illness. By strict attention and careful cultivation he had succeeded in raising the foundation of a some time mustache, but on the advent of cold weather the crop was blasted, and he was obliged to mow the promising growth. The disappointment was severe, and the poor lad fell into a decline. The mother of the unfortunate youth was informed of the case, but replied that such attacks were common, and by careful nursing he would recover. This has been done, *and her son* is now slowly regaining his lost strength.

— Prof. William Wells, L. L. D., delivered a religious lecture in the State-st. Methodist church of this city Sunday, Nov. 10th. His topic was "Christian Work in Papal Rome." The lecture was generally regarded as one of the finest heard in this city for a long time. In his late travels the Professor gathered a

great deal of information not before presented to our public. The lecture was delivered in a vivacious, rapid, flowing style, and with the remarkable command of language which characterize all his efforts. It is worthy of note that while in Italy, Prof Wells was induced, much against his will, to make several public addresses in the Italian tongue. The people expressed great delight at hearing their own language spoken so fluently and elegantly by an American.

#### BASE BALL.

On Friday, Oct. 25th, the Ballston Spa nine, the so-called champions of Northern New York, came to Schenectady with the intention, as expressed by one of their men, of showing the countrymen how to play ball.

The game opened with our nine at the bat, and Rogers and Fairgrieve each scored a run the first inning.

The Ballstons tied the score and gave the home nine a blinder the second inning. Our boys reciprocated, and then on the beginning of the third inning they gave a specimen of "Union" batting and scored ten runs.

So the game went on. By three bad errors on our side in the fifth inning the Ballstons gradually caught up. At the end of the sixth inning the score was twelve to twelve. At this our home nine woke up, and though the outfield was played without an error, Moore secured one run, which afterward proved to be the winning one. The seventh inning closed with the score in our favor of thirteen to twelve. Here the beauty of the Ballston nine was displayed by their finding fault with the umpire, and to finish the game a new one was chosen. Vexed by this display of temper, our nine went to the bat determined to win and turn the tables by showing their opponents how to play ball, and they did it. Taylor, Rogers, Moore, Heatley and Fancher, as they followed each other, made each two base hits, and left the

score at the close of the inning twenty-one to twelve. The Ballstons, with one man out and the probability of the succeeding ones following in his footsteps, suddenly left the field and started for the train which they claimed it was necessary for them to take. The game was declared ended at the seventh inning in our favor by a score of thirteen to twelve. Had the game been finished it would undoubtedly have been in the region of thirty to twelve. The actions of the visiting nine sufficiently showed their true character, and it is to be hoped that they showed their worst side, or else our nine would be justified in refusing to play them again.

The nine has played four matches this fall, winning every one. They have made a total of 102 runs against 31 by their opponents; the batting record is given below. A column has been added, showing the total number of outs made by the individual players on the several games:

BATTING AVERAGE.

Rank.		No. of games played.	Times at bat.	Runs.	Av. runs per game.	Base hits.	Per centage of base hits to times at bat.	Times put out.
1	Heatly,	4	23	15	3 75	9	0 391	5
2	Fancher,	4	22	10	2 50	8	0 363	9
3	Moore,	4	22	10	2 50	8	0 363	10
4	Taylor,	4	24	13	3 25	8	0 333	9
5	Rodgers,	4	26	13	3 25	7	0 269	10
6	Beattie,	4	23	12	3 00	6	0 260	6
7	Fairgrieve,	4	25	12	3 00	6	0 240	10
8	Pierson,	3	14	5	1 66	3	0 214	7
9	Ford,	4	25	12	3 00	5	0 200	10
10	Lomasney	1	6	0		1	0 166	5

#### GILLESPIE CLUB.

The Gillespie Club is flourishing under very favorable auspices. It began operations for the year by electing the following officers: G. E. Marks, President; D. F. Glover, Vice



Pres.; L. J. Davids, Treas.; T. D. Palmer, Gen'l Sec.; E. S. Godfrey, Sec.; W. J. Sweet, Curator. After some severe battling about consolidating with the Jackson Scientific Association, the Club voted to hold its own, and has since received a new impetus. A course of lectures to be given to the public is now under consideration, the object of which is to raise sufficient money to renovate the rooms and make more attractive their already comely quarters. It is hoped that the engineers of the college who have hitherto appeared indifferent, will lend their heart and hand in the protection and advancement of this the only exclusive engineering society in the university; a society which bears an enviable record, whose work has been searching and profitable, whose long list of ex-members, now prominent in the profession, stand an enduring monument to its importance. The Gillespie Club has at times contributed to scientific publications of this country theses, whose value was sufficient to merit translation and publication in foreign papers. The Club starts out this year with new features by which more original work will be required of its members, and we hope, by its efforts, prosperity will note this year as more active than any of its previous years of social and professional work.

#### ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 26, occurred the fall meeting of the Athletic Association, held on the Fair Grounds in this city. The entries were numerous, and everything promised well for the second meeting since its new organization.

The games opened with the 100 yds dash. J. L. Perry, '79, obtained by far the best start, and retained the lead to the finish, winning in  $11\frac{1}{4}$  sec.; Drowne, '82, came in a poor second in 12 sec. In the mile walk which followed, there were four entries. At the start, Palmer, '79, took the lead, but was passed by Griswold, '82, on the first quarter.

At the half he fell out, and Palmer was still ahead, but when only a hundred yards from the finish Burnett, '80, by a magnificent spurt, passed him and came in winner in 8:30. The walking of Burnett was even better than his most ardent backers had hoped for.

Next came the 220 yards race with five entries. Perry, '79, was the winner in  $24\frac{1}{2}$  seconds; VanDerveer second, and Drowne, '82, a good third.

L. W. Beattie, '79, had an easy victory in putting the 24-pound shot, although Lomasney, '81, in his last throw, came within one foot of Beattie's best throw, 23.9 ft.

In the running broad jump, the judges awarded the first prize to VanDerveer for a jump of 18 ft. 5 in., and the second to Moore, '81, for a jump of 17 ft. 9 in.; but Mr. VanDerveer claimed his jump as an exhibition jump only, and the first prize fell to Moore, '81, and the second prize fell to Lomasney, '81. This action of Mr. VanDerveer is praiseworthy, inasmuch as the prize had been awarded to him; but we think that he had no right in the game at all, as it was not open. They should be restricted to students, and all others should be barred from entering.

The 440 yds. race was open, and there were only two entries. It was won by Perry, '79, in 1.16. It was an uninteresting race, as neither man struggled for the lead until within a few yards of the finish.

In throwing the 12-pound hammer, Beattie, '79, won by a throw of 92 ft. 6 in. Wiswall, '81, made a throw of 74 ft. 8 in., and the second place was conceded to him by all, when Perry, '79, in his last throw made 75 ft. 2 in., but in doing so stepped over the stick. Mr. Wiswall claimed a foul, but no notice was taken of it, and the second prize fell to Perry.

Much interest was centered in the one-half mile run, and White, '79, was the favorite. He gained a good start, and kept the lead till the three-quarter post was passed, when he ceased running. McClellan, '81, was

then ahead, and took a grand pace for the first place. Drowne, '82, was at the one-half post a poor third, but rapidly gained on him, passed White, and with a splendid spurt caught up with and passed McClellan when only four or five feet from the finish. Time, 2.15. It was a hard race for the winner, as he ran under the disadvantage of having previously ran in three races, and he won by mere Freshman pluck.

From the victory of Burnett in the mile walk, the first place in the three-mile walk was universally conceded to him, and the result confirmed the expectations. He easily took the lead and kept it to the finish, making the first mile in 8.35, second in 9.10, and the three miles in 26.54. Palmer was second in 27.35.

In the hop, step and jump, Moore, '81, won by 38 ft. 10½ in., and Lomasney took second by a distance of 34 ft. 6 in. Moore's best jump was 40 ft. 2 in., but a foul was claimed and allowed on the way of jumping.

In the vaulting with pole, Lomasney, '81, took the the first prize for a height of 8 ft. 2 in.; Wiswall, '81, was second, vaulting 8 ft.

During the games an exhibition walk was given by Armstrong, the champion amateur walker in the U. S. He made one mile in 6.41, which was a few seconds better than his record. Many had counted on Moore, '81, entering the races, and were disappointed at his failing to do so; but owing to severe illness the night previous, he was prevented from running. The judges were Prof. C. Staley and W. S. Campbell, but neither of them served in that capacity. Some dissatisfaction was expressed at the way of conducting the games, and we may safely predict that such will be the case each time that the decisions are left to the students. The judges, starters and time-keepers should be men outside of the college, thus preventing any display of class or society feeling, and this cannot be done without the co-operation of every man in college.

#### LINES OF CONDOLENCE TO THE "COLLEGE WIDOWS."

O, widows wan! O, maidens sweet!  
Standing where two rivers meet;—  
One of beauty, love and youth,  
One of wrinkles, age and ruth.

Yours a union out of knowledge,  
Save close by some ancient college,  
With a widow's weeds afflicted,—  
Who to wed were ne'er predicted.

For ye maidens sweet, ah! sweet,  
Still our hearts in rapture beat.  
To ye widows 'tis our task,  
Peace to bring, and peace to ask.

Grieve not for us when away;  
Soon will come another day  
When the Freshmen shall recruit,  
Seek you out and press *their* suit.

Think upon us as you ought,  
How our tender hearts we brought,  
Faithful lived for four long years,  
Leave you now with copious tears.

Chide us not with waxing cold;  
Fshaw! it's only growing old—  
Not on your part, Heaven defend,  
*We* are drawing near the end.

Heave we now a long-drawn sigh,  
As we bid such friends good-bye;  
In the lottery you've drawn blanks,  
For your sweetness, many thanks.

#### MILITARY NOTES.

—Fiddle!

—Lieut. Best has returned from Albany.

—To drill or "kick"—*that* is the question.

—Why is it that an inebriate on a railway train always gets a cinder in his eye.

—The Fall crop of cadets isn't up to the average; may be this is *best*.

—Elimination by substitution:— Getting men off from drill by substituting calisthenics therefor.

—"A way we have in the army:" Consider every man a liar until he is convicted of telling the truth.

—There will be a review of the *battalion* early in the Spring. He must appear in full uniform, with white gloves and shoes neatly varnished.

—Four Seniors have enlisted as Union college cadets. The balance of the class seem to have been detailed for detached service.

—Q. Why is the *common-dance* coat like a boarding-house roast-turkey? A. Most all stuffing.

—We should like to know how much the puff in the *Union* cost our representative of the U. S. A., as we may want something in that line ourselves.

—Why is it that some gentlemen (?) when in the company of ladies always consider those beneath their notice who do not wear quite as fine clothes as they themselves.

—It is only the *best* men who can give two exhibitions in one night. One with the fiddle, and the other with—(what do you suppose?)

—Come to the gymnasium at drill hour and see what a tailor can do for a poor figure; and if you come don't waste any time looking at the boys.

—One Freshman entered Union to avail himself of the advantages of the military course preparatory to West Point. Oh! *Waddell* we finally come to?

—It has been ascertained from our highest military authority that education isn't a requisite for a soldier, that grit is all that is necessary. That's what's—hic—the matter—hic—yer knows.

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

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*Mr. Editor :*

Union College is steadily and surely advancing to the front rank of American Colleges. Her former high reputation, lost for awhile, is being rapidly regained. Changes have been made and are still being made in her curriculum which tend to broaden and increase her influence. More flexibility has been given to the course and a new impetus to some of the departments of the College. Physiology has been transposed from Junior

to Freshman year, doubtless for some good reason. Latin and Greek, however, still hold their old positions. If the proper end of classical learning is accuracy in syntax, strict attention to the proper use of words, and idiomatic purity in the arrangement of periods, this can be acquired we think to a certain extent in two years as well as three. The extra year will hardly add enough in this direction to compensate for the extra time. French and German are entirely neglected in the classical course. Some knowledge of these languages is almost essential to an educated young man. Could this be changed; could a portion of the time given to Latin and Greek be given to French and German, as thoroughly taught as the Latin and Greek now are, we believe it would be of incalculable benefit to the students of the college. The course should not be shaped for the benefit of any one class of students. We are not all going to be teachers, neither are we all going to be ministers. Those students who enter college with some definite purpose should be allowed some choice in selecting their course. We are glad to see this disposition gradually growing in our college. Of course we do not believe that the whole course should be thrown open to a student for him to choose as he wishes. Our motto is, "*In necessariis unitas, in dubiis libertas.*"

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### EXCHANGES.

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— Among our exchanges there is no paper which presents a better appearance, both on the outside and inside, than the *Ariel*. The article on the "Private Life of Macaulay" is exceedingly well written, and its brevity adds to, rather than detracts from, the interest. The *Ariel* flatters itself, and, indeed, rightly, that in the University of Minnesota there is no manifestation of the spirit of hazing, so common in eastern colleges; a custom which it strongly denounces. But allow us to sug-

gest that the article on Chapel Disorder would imply that the students of that institution are sadly lacking in moral qualities, even if they do not indulge in hazing or rushing. Which is the worse, to applaud by stamping during the reading of the morning lesson, or to assist in the annual rush between Fresh and Soph? The latter custom they term barbarous; we apply the adjective to the former.

— We have received the first issue of the *Knox Student*, published in the interest of Knox College. Should the paper continue in the path already begun, we predict for it a good degree of success. Its literary department is well filled, but does not exclude plenty of space devoted to home matter. We clip from an editorial the following, which is applicable to almost every college periodical: "Everything, no matter how intellectual, or moral, or spiritual it may be, has as its basis something natural. So the success of our paper depends first, and very materially upon the amount of money-support which it gets. It can't live without this. It can't live on faith, if we use that oft-quoted aphorism. Faith with plenty of money to back it is what college papers need."

— The *Lafayette College Journal* presents a very neat appearance and its contents are fair. We think, however, that there is too much space devoted to the exercises of Founder's Day, although such an exhaustive discussion of it may be agreeable reading to the men in their college. Allow us to congratulate Lafayette upon the pleasant relations existing between the students and *all* the Faculty. It is a very desirable state, yet we are not all thus situated, and the question why has not been answered.

— After reading the merited praises for the *Tripod* contained in their last issue, we were fain to pass it, but while we remark that the *Tripod* is usually very good and is counted as one of our *solidest* exchanges, we

would like to offer one or two mild criticisms. First, we think the article on College Journalism out of place. It is not original. It is not contained in an inaccessible periodical. It is too long to keep up the interest of the average student, who cares more for home news. Our opinion would be, were it not for the previous record of the *Tripod*, that the editors had a *short* of literary articles. The most interesting part of a college paper is the *locals*, but we think no man outside of the editors could read understandingly the column headed "Brevia." Such incongruous articles as these are mixed up in hopeless confusion. "The Senior on the fourth floor who sang with much gusto 'Meet me at the Fountain' went to the exposition next day. — The partitions have been taken out of Room 14, and on and after Nov. 8th the Athanasian Society will meet in a furnished hall.—Pork and beans.—Shocking affair recently in electricity.—What do you do when you hear a crow caw, caw?—Shoot it.—What a Hairyson.—We shall meet, but we shall miss him, etc." But we forbear. There seems to be a lack of editorial, too.

— We acknowledge the following: *Amherst Student*, *Harvard Advocate*, *Yale Record*, *Oberlin Review*, *Trinity Tablet*, *Chronicle*, *Vidette*, *Vindex*, *Dickensonian*, *Luftonian*, *Southern Collegian*, *Vassar Miscellany*, *Kenyon Advocate*, and others.

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## PERSONAL.

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Through lack of space several obituary notices were crowded out of the last issue which appear in this.

'18. General John Tayler Cooper died in Albany August 13th. The deceased was one of the most highly respected citizens of Albany. He was born in that city in 1798 and inherited a large estate from Gen. John Tayler, at one time Lieutenant Governor of the State. For a long series of years he was Major General of the Third Division, Nation-



al Guards, State of New York, but retired at the beginning of Gov. Fenton's term of office. He was noted for a wise and prudent management of his business affairs and led a very quiet and unostentatious life, holding no political offices and seeking none. He was twice married.

'18. Hon. Sidney Breese died at Pinckneyville, Illinois, June 26th. He was born in Oneida county N. Y. in 1800. After graduation he removed to Illinois where he studied law and was admitted to the bar. In 1820 he was appointed Assistant Secretary of State. From 1822 to 1827 he was State Attorney, and in the latter year United States District Attorney for Illinois. In 1835 he was elected Circuit Judge. He was United States Senator from 1843 to 1849. He was also a Regent of the Smithsonian Institute during the administration of President Polk. In 1850 he was Speaker of the Illinois Legislature, and in 1855 became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, continuing in that capacity till death. He was the oldest Judge in active service in the country, and one of the ablest and most respected in the West.

'20. Rev. E. W. Goodman died in Philadelphia, August 9th, in the 82d year of his age. He spent his childhood in Bolton, on the shores of Lake George; began his collegiate course at Middleburg, Vt., and completed it at Union, graduating in 1820. Choosing the ministry as his profession he entered Princeton Theological Seminary, graduating in 1823. He immediately set out for a pioneer missionary, pushing his way into the then wild districts of Michigan, where he accomplished great good, suffered untold hardships, and in many instances came near losing his life. "Mr. Goodman," says one who knew him, "possessed a well-disciplined and logical mind, was a minister rather of the staid and solid old New England stamp than of the flowery and showy sort of modern days. His convictions were definite and positive, but he was rational rather than enthusiastie. His strong though undemonstrative character reached and told upon every one for his good. His solid moral and Christian life has passed into many other lives; so, though now dead, he lives to-day among the hills and around the lake where he moved and taught 'as seeing Him who is invisible,' in many whose characters he has impressed and helped to form."

'23. John A. Lott, L.L. D., of Flatbush, N. Y., died last August. We take the following from the Albany *Journal*: "In the death

of John A. Lott the State loses one of her most distinguished sons. He has long been a conspicuous figure, having occupied during a career lasting for more than half a century many important public positions. Besides serving the State in various legislative and judicial positions Judge Lott aided in drafting a uniform law for the government of cities, being a member of the Commission for that purpose appointed by Gov. Tilden. His long career was alike honorable to himself and useful to the State."

'30 The Hon Augustus Schell ran for the Mayorship of New York city in the recent election, but—

'32. John H. Raymond, L.L. D., President of Vassar College, died at his home in Poughkeepsie, August 14th. Dr. Raymond was born in New York City, March 7th, 1814. After graduation he adopted law as a profession, but undergoing a radical change in his religious views he entered the School of Theology at Hamilton, graduating in 1838. He was immediately appointed tutor of Hebrew in that institution, and in 1839 was called to fill the chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy, but soon after that of Rhetoric and English Literature in Madison University, a position for which he was eminently fitted. At the founding of the University of Rochester in 1850, in which he was actively interested, he went to that institution as Professor of History and Belles-lettres, staying until 1855. He was then called to undertake the organization of the Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. In the execution of this task he showed great administrative ability. He relinquished his position as President in 1864. In that year he was chosen President of Vassar College, where he remained until the time of his death. His qualities are well-known. He was a true Christian man, an able organizer and administrator, and stood high among the great educators of his day.

'40. Hon. Geo. F. Danforth, of Rochester, who headed the Republican State ticket as candidate for Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals, was elected. The N. Y. Times and Harper's Weekly state that he graduated at a New England college, but this is a mistake.

'47. Gabriel Bouch, of Wisconsin, was re-elected to Congress in the Sixth District of that State.

'55. W. H. Steele is Member of Assembly-elect from the Third Oswego District.

'58. Hon. Geo. C. Hazleton was elected to Congress from the Third District of Wisconsin.

'58. Maj. Oscar H. Curtis is Assemblyman elect from Chenango Co., N. Y.

'61. Edwin Einstein was elected as Member of Congress from the Seventh District in New York city. He is the first Republican candidate ever elected from his district.

'61. Hon. John M. Bailey, of Albany, is Congressman-elect from the Sixteenth District of this State.

'77. F. A. DePuy was married last week to a young lady of this city. He holds a position on the N. Y. Times and reported for that paper the proceedings of the famous Billings trial.

'79. McGuire made a splendid run for School Commissioner in Oswego Co., and was elected. His opponent was a man of great popularity and had been elected to the office three times before. Mac, we tender you our heartiest congratulations.

#### EXTRANEÆ.

—The fall regatta at Cornell resulted in a victory for '81.

—Obliging tutor to senior: "What do you suppose is inside this pump?" Mr. X. (cultured dynamic): "A couple of suckers, I suppose."

—Youthful tutor to newly arrived Fresh.—"Have you made up your conditions yet?" Freshie—"No; have you?"

—First Irate Female: "I'd hate to be in your shoes." Second Ditto: "You couldn't get in them."—Ex.

—Slocum asks: "How do you know that Cowper was in debt? Ans.—Because he oh'd for a lodge in some vast wilderness. *Courant*.

—"Funus una curabat," One funeral cured him.—Ex.

—Prof: "Would you like to be hanged?" Apt Pupil: "I'll be hanged if I would."—Ex.

—Brief chronicle.—"Saturday, two little boys and a pistol. Now, only one little boy and a pistol."—Ex.

—"At Oberlin each class has its class day."—Ex.

—A foot ball convention was held at Springfield November 6th. Delegates were present from Yale, Princeton, Columbia and Harvard.

—Vassar College girls have a secret society called "The Vassarians," and any member who forgets her dignity and slides down the stair railing is fined thirty-one peanuts and a stick of gum.—Ex.

—A Junior (to Fresh before late cane rush).—"Freshy, what would you say if you should see Prex. coming right down on you?" Fresh—"Haven't given the question much thought, but it strikes me that I would say 'excuse my back.'"

—"Commencement orations have been abolished at the University of California, John Hopkins University, and Michigan University."—Ex.


—The following extract from the by-laws of Harvard, in vogue in 1743, shows how the good old days have departed—for the faculty:

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