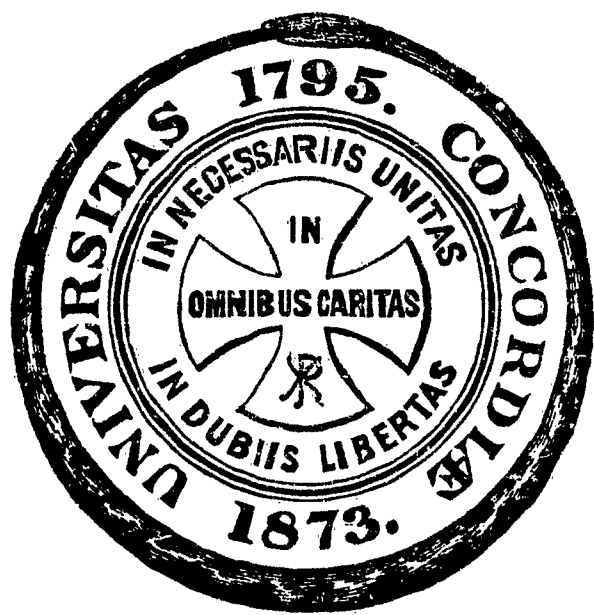


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## Dr. Van Dyke's Lecture.

The Rev. Dr. Van Dyke of New York City delivered a very entertaining lecture on the "Life and Works of Robert Louis Stevenson" in the college chapel last Friday afternoon.

In introducing Dr. Van Dyke to the audience, Dr. Raymond spoke very highly of him as a lecturer and as a writer.

Dr. Van Dyke opened his lecture by a brief account of Stevenson's life and his personal characteristics.

Mr. Stevenson was born in Edinburgh, November 13, 1850, and died on one of the Samoan Islands, December 3, 1894, leaving some of his work unfinished. Stevenson was at heart a wanderer; and this tendency, together with his ill-health, caused him to take many voyages to many lands.

He was a "predestinated writer of books," but much as he loved writing he loved living more, and held fast to life with a "joyful grimness."

He made his first appearance in literature in a little book entitled "An Inland Voyage," an account of a canoe trip. This book was published in 1878, but was not particularly noticed at the time. The same year he furnished the text for a book of Etchings of Edinboro. In 1879 he brought out "Travels With a Donkey," which attracted some genuine applause. The first editions of these books are now quite valuable.

From this time his books followed with rapidity and constantly gained in popularity. Of his most popular works "Treasure Island" appeared in 1883, "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" in 1886, "Kidnapped" in 1887, "Master of Balantral" in 1889.

He left two unfinished works at his death, "The Weir of Hermiston" and "St. Ives."

Stevenson, like all the best men, worked in

many lines, and while one phase of his work may have been best, still he kept in touch with all aspects of life. Among his favorites in literature he mentions, Hazlett, Lamb, Wadsworth, Defoe, Dumas, Hawthorne, and particularly Scott, in whose books he took great delight.

But unlike Scott, Stevenson was a type of the uneasy writer, satisfied with nothing but exact precision. His idea was "to get a controlling thought and let words and sentences march after it."

Dr. Van Dyke mentioned two kinds of followers of Stevenson; the Stevensonians, such as Barrie, Truett and, to a certain degree, our own Stockton, all of whose works are characterized by the "inevitable unexpectedness in language." On the other hand we have what Dr. Van Dyke calls the Stevensonianists, whose ear-mark is glaring contrasts in titles such as "The Yellow Book," etc.

Stevenson took great pride in being called a "Teller of Tales." He raised the dime novel to the position of classic, and lifted up the story of adventure from the low state into which it had fallen.

Truly, in his own stories of adventure, "in cutting the pages the blood follows the knife." Stevenson, unlike Scott, wrote as an eye witness, while Scott's canvas was larger and broader. But they both loved life and had the same views of it.

While Stevenson was not a theologian, he believed in God, duty, and immortal love; and he hated meanness with his whole heart. His belief was "Let the best man win."

The last months of his own life were spent in efforts to civilize the Samoans and comfort the native captives. In his last prayer, written the night before he died, he prayed that he might "play the man under affliction." The last day of his life was spent in consoling his wife, who seemed to feel a foreboding of some great sorrow; then came the sudden stroke of unconsciousness.

## New York State Intercollegiate Athletic Union.

### CONSTITUTION.

#### ARTICLE I.

Name—This organization shall be known as New York state intercollegiate athletic union.

#### ARTICLE II.

Object—The object of this union shall be the advancement and improvement of amateur sports among the colleges which comprise the union, and the regulation of such sports in the interest of sound scholarship.

#### ARTICLE III.

Membership—The membership in this union shall be limited to colleges of good and regular standing who shall ratify the constitution and by-laws of this union, and communicate official notice of said ratification to the advisory board.

#### ARTICLE IV.

Definition—An amateur is a person who has never competed in an open competition, or for money, or under a false name; or with a professional for a prize; or with a professional where gate money is charged; nor has ever at any time taught, pursued or assisted at athletic exercises for money, or for any valuable consideration. But nothing in this definition shall be construed to prohibit the competition between amateurs for medals, cups, or other prizes than money. And it is hereby expressly declared that this definition is not retroactive.

To prevent any misunderstanding in reading the above, the union draws attention to the following explanations and adjudications:

An athlete has forfeited his right to compete as an amateur in any particular branch of athletics, and has thereby become a professional, by—

(a) Ever having competed in an open competition, i. e., a competition, the entries to which are open to all, irrespective as to whether the competitors are amateurs or professionals, and whether such competition be for a prize or not, in any athletic exercises, viz.; Base ball,

(b) Ever having competed for money in any athletic exercise.

(c) Ever having competed under a false name in any athletic exercise.

(d) Ever having knowingly competed with a professional for a prize, or where gate money is charged, in any athletic exercise.

(e) Ever having taught or pursued as a means of livelihood any athletic exercise.

(f) Ever having directly or indirectly accepted or received remuneration for engaging in any athletic exercise.

An athlete shall hereafter forfeit his right to compete as an amateur, and shall thereby become a professional, if, at any time after the foregoing definition shall take effect, he shall:

(1) Directly or indirectly receive payment for training or coaching any other person in any athletic exercise.

(2) Directly or indirectly receive payment for services personally rendered in teaching any athletic exercise.

(3) Directly or indirectly receive payment for services rendered as referee, judge, umpire, scorer, manager, director or in any other capacity at any professional exhibition or contest of any athletic exercise whatsoever.

Note—Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the acceptance by any amateur of his necessary traveling expenses incurred as referee, judge, umpire, scorer, or starter, in going to and from the place of any amateur contest.

(4) Directly or indirectly run, manage or direct, for prospective profit, any professional exhibition or contest.

An amateur shall not forfeit his right to compete as an amateur, and shall not become a professional by

(a) Receiving compensation for services rendered as ticket taker or ticket seller at any contest or exhibition or amateur athletics.

(b) Receiving compensation for services personally rendered as secretary, treasurer, manager or superintendent of any amateur athletic club.

(c) Receiving compensation as editor, correspondent, or reporter of, or contributor to, any sporting, athletic, or other paper or periodical.

(d) Running, managing or directing, for prospective profit, any sporting, athletic, or other paper or periodical.

(e) Receiving compensation for services personally rendered as official handicapper, under the direction and authority of any amateur athletic association.

(f) Receiving from a club of which he shall be a member, the amount of his expenses necessarily incurred in traveling to and from the place of any amateur contest.

(g) Nothing in this rule shall be construed so as to consider a man a professional who has played on a college team against a professional team.

#### ARTICLE V.

Management—The management of this union shall be entrusted to an advisory board, consist-



ing of three representatives from each college, namely: One student, one alumnus, and one member of the faculty, elected as each college shall deem advisable. The board shall meet the first Saturday of October and the first Saturday of March. Special meetings may be held at the call of the president, or at the request of any two colleges.

Powers of the Board—(a) Election from its own members of its officers, who shall be officers of the union. The officers shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and assistant treasurer, elected by a majority vote of the members of the board. The treasurer must be an alumnus.

(b) To appoint all field day officers.

(c) To control all inter-collegiate finances to the following extent:

(1) Assuring payment of all inter-collegiate guarantees when made. A college unable to play a scheduled game must notify the chairman of the athletic committee at least two weeks before the date of said game, and shall thereupon be excused. But if a game is cancelled within two weeks by any college, said college shall file reasons therefor with the athletic committee, and if, in the judgment of the athletic committee, the reasons rendered are not valid, said college shall be liable to a fine of \$100.

(2) Collecting all field day gate fees for the use of the union under the direction of the treasurer.

(3) Providing for and distributing all inter-collegiate prizes.

(d) To appoint committees, each committee, except the judicial committee, to consist of one representative from each college. and shall be composed of two students, two alumni and two members of the faculties.

(1) Judicial committee, to consist of one man, who must be an alumnus and who shall decide all differences and disputes.

(2) Athletic committee to arrange, after consultation with the respective managers, the time and place of league games in football and baseball, and also time and place of field day meets.

(3) Financial committee, to audit all accounts.

#### ARTICLE VI.

Compensation of Officers—No officer of this union shall receive any money for his services.

#### ARTICLE VII.

Application and Withdrawal—(a) Any college desiring to join the union shall send to the secretary an application for membership in writing; said application may be submitted to the union at any of its meetings.

(b) Any college at either of the semi-annual meetings may honorably withdraw upon stating its reasons to the advisory board.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

Dues—The membership fee shall be \$25.

#### ARTICLE IX.

Violation of Rules—Any violation of the rules of the union, proved before the judicial committee, after a full and fair hearing, shall render a college liable to suspension by the president until the next meeting of the advisory board, and to expulsion by a two-thirds vote of the members of the advisory board.

#### ARTICLE X.

Eligibility—No person shall be allowed to play on any team who is not a bona fide student of a college or university represented on the advisory board. A bona fide student is defined as one pursuing a regular course leading to a degree, or any regularly entered student taking at least twelve hours per week. Also, no student shall play on any team who has more than two term conditions, unless the faculty of his college shall certify to the advisory board that such a man is properly qualified to enter the contests.

#### ARTICLE XI.

Limit of Eligibility—A student shall be allowed to compete on any team four years and no more, no matter whether he changes from one college and goes to another or not. This applies to all departments, viz.: Medical, law, academical, etc. It shall be understood that a student may compete two years in one department or college and then go to another department or college and compete the remaining two, but in no event shall a student compete more than four years.

#### ARTICLE XII.

Amendments—No additions, alteration or amendment shall be made to this constitution at any meeting, except by a two-thirds vote of the members of the advisory board. At least thirty days notice of any such proposed change must be given to the secretary, of which due notice shall at once be sent to the colleges belonging to this union.

Nathan Beckwith, '94, is visiting friends in the city.

Endeavor day was celebrated by the Y. P. S. C. E. of the East Avenue Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening. Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Waygood, Blodgett, '97, Fisher, '98, Thomas, '98, and Wright, '99.

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ELSEWHERE in this paper is a letter addressed to Dr. C. P. Linhart. It is self explanatory. In behalf of the student body, we wish to thank Mr. Dillingham for his generous offer.

WE WISH to call the attention of every student to the new constitution which has recently been drafted by the delegates, representing the New York State Inter-Collegiate Union. Early next week, this question will be brought up in a special college meeting for consideration. It is therefore necessary that every student should familiarize himself with the proposed constitution, so that he may discuss it intelligently. If Union is to enter an athletic league in the State of New York, it will be necessary for her to acquiesce to the new constitution, or to petition for such amendments, as appear to the student body most desirable.

EVERY student in college has doubtless observed the work that has been in progress in the library during the past ten days. The screens which have been placed before the book shelves are not orna-

mental. It is to be hoped that they may prove useful even though the necessity which compels their use is a disgrace to this institution. The library committee, however, is compelled to recognize the fact that there are thieves in the college. Two students who have recently taken books from the library are known. Their actions cast upon them the gravest suspicions. We do not think that their motive was theft; it does, however, show them to be supremely selfish if not actually dishonest.

OWING to the fact that the Sophomore Soiree occurred on Friday evening and that the CONCORDIENSIS is issued Saturday it was impossible to print, in the last number, a very extended account of that event. We are pleased to be able to state that the dance was a glorious success. There was but one factor which tended to mar the pleasure of the evening. The floor, as usual, was bad. Mr. Benedict, as he has done many times before, assured the committee that the inequalities at the juncture of the stage with the floor over the orchestra pit would be remedied. Mr. Benedict may have endeavored to remedy this evil. We are lead to believe, however, that his interest was half-hearted to say the least, as any one with a little ingenuity, could, with a trifling expense, have placed the floor in such a condition as would have satisfied everyone.

Mr. Bonesteel, as chairman of the committee, labored earnestly for the success of the dance. He deserves to be congratulated.

## Personals.

Ames, '97, is seriously ill with typhoid fever at his home in Glens Falls.

A large number of the students took advantage of the recess, Monday, and spent the vacation at their homes.

D. B. Eldredge, '95, professor at the Altamont school was in the city Feb. 20.

Prof. McKenzie read a paper on "Petrarch," one of the early Italian authors, before the society to promote useful reading, Saturday, Feb. 20.

### The Musical Clubs.

The Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs have added two more successful concerts to their record for the season of '97. Tuesday evening they appeared in Troy, under the auspices of the Universalist church. The concert was given in the auditorium of the church, which was well filled by a refined and appreciative audience, who again and again recalled the musicians by their enthusiastic applause. After the concert, the members of the clubs were tendered a reception in the church parlors by the ladies of the church.

The second concert was given at the Riverside club, Lansingburgh, Thursday evening, before a stylish and representative audience. Everyone was lavish in praise of the musical ability of Union College students, and many times during the dance, which followed the concert, the remark was heard that it was the best concert ever given by college musical clubs in this section of the country.

At each of these concerts the Glee club sang with its usual style and finish, which has been gained by careful leadership and close attention to work. The Mandolin and Banjo clubs showed marked improvement in their rendition over that at the opening of the season and divided the honors about equally. Mr. Cook, in his humorous readings and impersonations, was exceptionally well received and is especially deserving of credit, not only for his success as an electioneer, but also for his work in the Mandolin and Banjo clubs.

### College Notes.

The Kansas College Presidents' Association has, without a dissenting vote, adopted resolutions condemning foot ball.—*The Student*.

President Eliot of Harvard has offered to Secretary Olney the international law professorship of that institution. Mr. Olney is considering the favor and provided it does not interfere with his regular practice, which he is unwilling to give up, he hopes to accept.—*Yale Alumni Weekly*.

### HARVARD-YALE-CORNELL BOAT RACE.

The negotiations for peace between Harvard and Yale have proved successful and a triangular race at Poughkeepsie, on the Hudson, has practically been arranged.—*Brown and White*.

Mr. Samuel H. Howe, of Boston, has purchased "Longfellow's Inn" at Sudbury, Mass., and will convert it into a permanent memorial of the poet, restoring it as nearly as possible to the condition it was in when Longfellow wrote the Tales. Mr. Howe is a descendant of the original owners of the Inn.

The question for the Yale-Harvard debate is as follows: Resolved, That the United States should adopt definitely the single gold standard and should decline to enter a bimetallic league, even if Great Britain, Germany and France should be willing to enter the league. Harvard had the choice of question and Yale the choice of sides.

Representatives from the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin, Northwestern University and the University of Chicago recently met in Chicago and completed arrangements for a debating league, to exist for six years. A cash prize of \$200 has been established, \$100 going to the best debator on either side in the final contest.

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A notice in a Boston paper of Thursday stated that the electoral vote for the various candidates for the presidency has been formally cast by the electors at Washington. The account went on to say that one elector presented credentials in which he spelled the name of the state he partly represented, New Brasky. This is not only outrageous, it is ridiculous. It is a fact to be deplored that men are chosen to represent communities supposedly educated, who cannot spell the name of the state they represent. We men who are enjoying the advantages of education at Exeter, cannot but realize that there is a place in the world for their best efforts. What our nation needs as much as anything is education.—*Editorial from the Exonian.*

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE INTER-COLLEGIATE  
TRACK ASSOCIATION.

An important meeting of the Inter-collegiate Track Athletic Association has been called to take place in New York, February 27. Many vital changes are proposed in the plans for the annual games for the coming year. A formal amendment to the constitution of the organization has been proposed, taking the management

of the annual games out of the hands of the graduates and putting it exclusively in charge of undergraduates of the various institutions interested. This is sure to be vigorously opposed by several colleges.

An amendment is proposed to exclude the mile walk. This, it is claimed, is to save an exhibition of what many physicians consider brutality, as every mile walker is now so exhausted on the completion of the walk that his muscles are partially paralyzed after the finish. There is also a plan on foot to abandon the present scheme of having one or two bicycle events, and instead have a separate bicycle meet. Harvard is quoted as decidedly in favor of this plan. It is probable, however, that a separate cycling championship will be hereafter awarded.

Pennsylvania will present an invitation to have the annual games held in Philadelphia, instead of New York. This is regarded with favor at Yale, as the games fail to draw a big crowd in New York, and they would be sure of an encouraging reception in Philadelphia. Pennsylvania will offer the use of Franklin Field free of charge. This, in itself, would be a saving of several thousand dollars to the Association. It is not believed that there will be any serious opposition to this scheme.—*The Pennsylvanian.*

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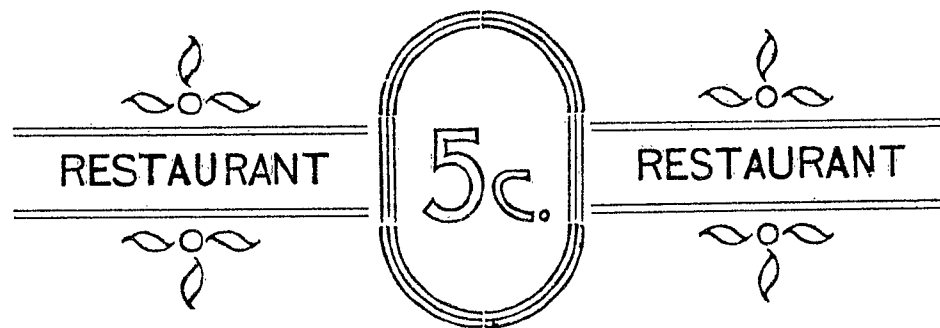
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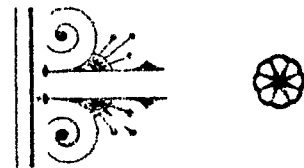
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