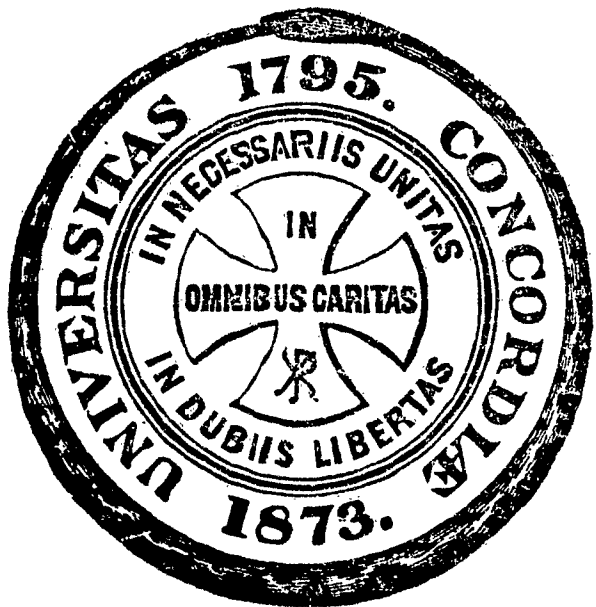


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The Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest.

The fourth annual meeting of the New York State Intercollegiate Oratorical League was held at Syracuse, in Crouse College Hall, Thursday evening. Representatives from Union, Rochester and Syracuse Universities contested for the honors, with the result that Syracuse won through its representative, Wallace E. Brown, '98.

The audience which gathered to hear the college orators was of fair size and gave the speakers the closest attention. A volunteer Mandolin club composed of Syracuse University men enlivened the evening's program by the rendition of several selections.

Prof. W. G. Ward, of Syracuse University, made a few introductory remarks and announced the first speaker. Mr. R. M. Rinker, '97 of Rochester. His subject was, "The Grand Army of the Republic."

The next speaker was W. Dewey Loucks, 1900. Union's representative had chosen for his theme, "Abraham Lincoln" and he eloquently set forth the goodness and greatness of that wonderful man. The *Syracuse Post* sums up his oration as follows: "In Lincoln he found a man of destiny, who, conscious of the right, dared to do it, at the same time attaching every heart to his in bonds of love. Duty was his guiding star. His integrity, courage and patriotism were unquestioned. To him politics and patriotism were one and inseparable."

The last speaker was Wallace E. Brown, of Syracuse. His topic was "Wendell Phillips." He said in part: "Human greatness moves the savage and the sage. It inspires the genius of the poet and is a chosen theme for eloquence. The struggle for liberty in our own land has brought forth truly great men.

"Wendell Phillips was of noble ancestry, and it was not till he heard the cause of the abolition

of slavery attacked that he became aroused to action. He refused political offices and honor, and threw himself body and soul into the work of freeing the negro.

"Wendell Phillips' ideas of justice were infallible. His was a noble, Godlike, dedicated manhood, the incarnation of honor, purity, righteousness. He was the strongest type of the fearless, uncompromising reformer."

M. E. Driscoll, Justice Frank H. Hiscock and Rev. George B. Spalding, who constituted the committee of judges, retired at this time. When the committee returned Mr. Driscoll in a few well chosen words presented Mr. Brown with the key.

The presentation of the prize was followed by a burst of enthusiastic applause from the audience, and an adjournment of the Syracuse men to their campus where a large bonfire was made in token of the victory for Syracuse.

The out of town contestants and several other invited guests were entertained by the Gamma Phi Beta Society at their chapter house.

At the executive meeting of the league held in the afternoon the following officers were chosen: President, Peter Nelson, '98, of Union; vice-president, J. S. Wile, '98, of Rochester; secretary and treasurer, M. G. Thomas, of Union; executive committee, W. L. Fisher, '98, of Union; J. C. Jessup, '99, of Rochester, and W. H. Michell, '99, of Syracuse.

Mid-Winter Meet.

The annual mid-winter athletic meet of the college will take place on Friday evening, March 12. All entries are to be in by Friday, March 5. The preliminaries will be held on Saturday afternoon, March 6.

The events are: 25 yard dash, 25 yard hurdle, 2 ft. 6 in.; 440 yard dash, one mile run, one mile walk, running high jump, standing high jump, pole vault, fence vault, high kick, putting 12 lb. shot, fencing and club swinging.

Obituary.

Lemon Thomson, '50, one of Union's most honored alumni, died at his home in Schuyler-ville on Wednesday, Feb. 24. Mr. Thomson was born at Athol, Warren county, and in 1855 removed to Albany and since that time has been engaged in the lumber business.

About fifteen years ago he was elected alumni trustee of Union College and held that position until 1894, when he resigned on account of ill health. He founded the "Americana" alcove in the college library and was a frequent contributor of books on American history.

Mr. Thomson had been ill for some time and his death was not unexpected. He was in the seventieth year of his age.

William J. Averell, '41, died at his residence in Ogdensburg Sunday, February 28.

The Ogdensburg *Journal* of March 1, contains an extended account of Mr. Averell's life, from which we take the following extracts.

"In early life Mr. Averell was educated under the tutorage of Prof. Taylor Lewis, a prominent teacher of his time, and was graduated from Union College in 1841. He engaged in business in Troy for two years and while there sent out samples of his goods upon a canal boat along the line of the state canals. This was in a way the beginning of the commercial traveler system that has since become such a prominent feature of trade. From Troy Mr. Averell removed to New York.

* * * Returning to this town in 1855, Ogdensburg has since been his home. In 1861 he entered the banking business and has been consecutively a member of the banking firms of Averells & Chapman, Averells, Chapman & Bean, and of the Ogdensburg bank.

* * * To enumerate the various offices which Mr. Averell has filled would be to name many of the positions of honor, trust and responsibility within the gift of his fellow citizens. He has been mayor of the city, supervisor of the town, superintendent of the poor, etc. He was first treasurer of the St. Lawrence State Hospital and took a deep interest in its welfare. He was also a trustee of the City Hospital and a liberal contributor toward its construction and maintenance. Indeed, most public enterprises, especially those of a charitable nature, received his cordial sympathy and support. He was a generous contributor toward the Public Library, and was one of four to build and donate the beautiful chapel at the Ogdensburg cemetery."

Cross Country Runs.

A feature of college athletics that has always proved popular is the cross country runs that are taken each year by the track men.

It has been shown each year that the best form of preparatory training for the running events is regular cross country runs. These develop strength and endurance.

The advantages of this system of training are fully appreciated by all the athletes of to-day. In order to foster its development class cross country clubs have been formed, and others are soon to be formed. '97 and '99 have organized clubs.

D. L. Wood, '97, has been chosen captain of the Senior club and he will lead fully twenty men on the cross country runs of the coming spring. M. M. Price, '99, will captain a club of twenty-five cross country runners from the Sophomore class. Regulation running suits bearing the class numerals have been ordered by both clubs.

The existence of these clubs will strengthen the athletic prospects not only of the respective classes that form them, but also, of the college itself. Our present track team is not especially strong, and nothing is more desirable for the success of our track athletics next spring than the proper encouragement and development of all the available material now in college.

Alumni Notes.

'49—Edward L. Berthoud recently prepared an article on "The Boundaries of Louisiana in 1803." The paper was evidently prepared in the interest of the National Geographical Society of which Mr. Berthoud is a member. The paper is an exhaustive exposition of the subject and quite successfully disproves some statements made by a Col. Broadhead relating to the same question.

'63—The *Bangor Daily Commercial* of January 30, published a sermon on "Environment" which was preached in the Unitarian church of Bangor, by Rev. Seth C. Beach. The sermon is an able discussion of the principles and facts of evolution.

Local and Personal.

The term examinations will begin March 23.

Palmer, 1900, spent Saturday and Sunday in Green Island.

Prof. Pepper has established a large hennery on his farm in Niskayuna.

Paul J. Kruesi, 1900, has returned from a few days trip to Washington, D. C.

Hinman, '99, who has been suffering from a wrenched knee, has returned to college.

Dr. Whitehorne was unable to hear his recitations the early part of the week on account of illness.

The president of the freshman class has appointed, Kline, Raite, and F. R. Davis as committee on class canes.

A large number of college athletes will compete in the invitation meet at the armory Saturday evening, March 6.

Major Austin A. Yates, '56, is striving very diligently to secure a \$60,000 appropriation for a new armory at Schenectady.

President Raymond delivered an address on, "The Beginnings of Union College," before the Albany Historical Society, Thursday.

Dr. McKenzie requires each member of his classes in beginner's German to recite at least one German poem before the close of his term.

The Y. M. C. A. meeting on Sunday afternoon was a song service. Dr. Raymond led the meeting and made a short address on "Praise."

George H. Jones, '98, has returned from Rutgers College, where he has been attending the annual district union of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

A college meeting was held Tuesday morning to ratify the constitution of the new New York State Intercollegiate Athletic Union. Each article was read and ratified separately except article X. relating to the qualifications of athletes and article XI. relating to the limit of eligibility. It was decided that Union's representatives should endeavor to have the number of required hours of study per week increased from 12 to 15 and that they use their own discretion about the limit of eligibility.

Roger D. Sinclair, '98, acted as toastmaster at the annual mid-winter banquet of the Pi Phi fraternity of the Union Classical Institute, Friday evening, Feb. 27. Among the other Union men present were, John L. Simpson, '89; Frank Cooper, '93; James Wingate, '97; James Cooper, '97; W. R. Brown; Champion, '99; Strong, '99; Thomson, 1900; Paige, 1900; Patterson, 1900; Featherstonhaugh, 1900; Cullings, 1900; Jones, 1900; W. C. Yates, '98; P. B. Yates, '98.

Senior Class Committqes.

President Frey of the Senior class has appointed the following committees.

Senior Ball — W. A. Johnson, J. Wingate, F. Little; class book—R. D. Fuller, G. A. Ensign, J. Wingate; class song—H. C. Todd, S. E. Slocum, H. R. Furbeck; cap and gown—R. D. Fuller, R. A. Pearse, H. Herring; invitations—J. C. Cooper, H. H. Brown, H. Robinson; music—H. C. Todd, G. E. Williams, P. Canfield; class day—D. L. Wood, H. J. Hemstreet, L. F. O'Neill.

Harvard has offered to enter ten teams at the Boston College indoor games in March, to run relay races with teams from any ten colleges. No exceptions have been made at all. The meeting is to be held in Mechanic's Hall.

The total college representation in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Congress is as follows: Yale 9, University of Michigan 9, Harvard 7, University of Virginia 5, Washington and Lee 5, Bowdoin 4, Princeton 4, DePauw 4, Kentucky University 4, Dartmouth 4, Union 4, Washington and Jefferson 4, Columbian 3, University of Pennsylvania 3, and 2 each from University of Georgia, McKendree, Georgia State, Illinois State, Wabash, West Virginia University, Amherst, Northwestern University of Wisconsin, University of Mississippi, Vanderbilt, University of Missouri, Western Reserve, Columbia, Williams, Cumberland and University of Vermont. Fifty-five colleges have one representative each.

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IT is absolutely necessary, that the management of the college publications receive some of the outstanding subscriptions, so that they can cancel their indebtedness with the printer.

THE PARTHENON for February, appeared Saturday last. The many readers of the magazine will undoubtedly be pleased to note the greater diversity of matter which appears in this number. The editors are disposed to feel encouraged. If the students note carefully the character of the articles which appear in this issue, they cannot fail to appreciate the willingness of the editors to publish everything of merit which comes to their desks.

MANY years have passed since Union has had as creditable a musical organization as she has this year. Five concerts have been given, all of which have been successful. On the 19th of this month the clubs give a concert at Amsterdam. If they then have as good a house as they expect, they will realize enough to clear themselves of all outstanding indebtedness.

Mr. H. C. Todd, who has proved an able manager, is contemplating a trip to New York, which, if carried out, should net considerable profit to the clubs, as several concerts would be given at various places between here and that city.

He wishes to call the attention of the alumni of the college, to the work of these clubs, and requests their co-operation at such places as the clubs may chance to strike in their trips about the country, and if there is any locality within a reasonable distance of Schenectady, where such entertainment, as is offered by the musical clubs, would receive popular support, he would willingly consider a proposition to schedule some future date, to appear there and give the regular concert.

TUESDAY morning, at a special college meeting, the constitution drafted by the New York State Athletic Union was brought up for discussion. With one or two exceptions, the various articles of the constitution were ratified. The action of the student body on this occasion clearly shows the dominating influence which directed their movements. There was a commendable determination on their part to maintain athletics at Union in accordance with the most approved ideas regarding amateur athletics.

On the whole, the action of the student body was commendable. It shows that the students, as well as the faculty, are heartily in favor of pure athletics. A few days ago, the students of Colgate ratified the proposed constitution and there is every indication that Hamilton will do the same.

Syracuse, Rochester and Hobart evidently find the new regulations too stringent for their present methods. The *University Herald* of this week states, editorially, that there will probably be two triple leagues; Syracuse, Rochester and Hobart forming one, and Union, Colgate and Hamilton, the other.

Syracuse and Casper Whitney seem to have become reconciled. Notwithstanding Chancellor Day's recently expressed opinion, they think Mr. Whitney knows something about athletics after all. A little cheap advertising is not a bad thing either.

We quote from the *University Herald* the following:

"We believe Mr. Whitney is not so poor a judge of athletic matters as he certainly appeared to be from his first article. We cannot feel too thankful for his lack of knowledge in the first place, for, fortunately, he is a man who believes in correcting himself, and after looking up Syracuse's record gives the results of his investigation to the public in another article in *Harper's*, which will prove a great advertisement for Syracuse."

College Notes.

At Harvard there are 250 candidates for the Mott Haven team.

Hamilton College has received \$25,000 toward a new science building.

At the games played at the University of Pennsylvania this fall there was an average attendance of 6000 persons.

Princeton's athletic manager has issued the following statement: Receipts, \$33,746.70; expenditures, \$32,274.07; balance, \$1,472.63.

The United States authorities have refused to permit West Point to send a team to compete in the inter-collegiate fencing tournament.

The annual Carnot debate between the University of California and the Leland Stanford University which was held recently, was won by California.

Mr. William Lampson, who died recently in Leroy, N. Y., left the bulk of his fortune, estimated at \$750,000, to Yale College, of which he was a graduate.

At the indoor games of the Princeton Athletic Association held in the gymnasium February 22, Carroll, a Freshman, broke the running high record by jumping 5 ft. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Besides her 'Varsity nine, Harvard is to have a college nine, which will play fourteen games the most important being with West Point, Bowdoin and the University of Vermont.

Stanford University has just issued the first number of *The Engineering Journal*. This is a semi-annual paper, published by the members of the Engineering Society of that institution.

WILLIAMS INDOOR MEET.

At the gymnasium meet of Williams College, C. N. Prouty, of Spencer, Mass., cleared 5 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in the running high jump. H. W. Fifer, of Bloomington, Ill., vaulted 10 ft. 3 inches, being prevented from making a still better record by the shortness of the bar supports.

It is estimated that the sum of \$10,000,000 will be needed to erect all the buildings contemplated for the American University at Washington, the subscriptions for the same amounting now to \$402,500.

Yale has at last consented to row Cornell. With Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Columbia and Pennsylvania all hard at work developing a crew to compete in the regatta next June, it is reasonable to expect an exciting time on the day of the race.

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The college of law of Syracuse University has adopted a college yell which has some sense in it:

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YALE-PRINCETON FOOT BALL.

Yale has formally challenged Princeton to a foot ball game to be played on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, at a place to be decided on later, preferably neutral grounds.

YALE AND HARVARD RECONCILED.

A formal agreement for the resumption of athletic relations between Harvard and Yale was drawn up and signed last Sunday by Mr. W. A. Brooks, Jr., Harvard '87, and Mr. Walter Camp, Yale '80, being the fully empowered representatives of Harvard and Yale, respectively. The main features of the agreement are the renewal of athletic relations for a period of five years, the requirement that all events except rowing should take place upon college grounds, and the appointment of a graduate committee of arbitration for the settlement of all disputes.—*Yale Alumni Weekly*.

YALE-HARVARD FOOT BALL.

Yale and Harvard reached an agreement on Saturday for their foot ball game this year. It is to be played at New Haven on Nov 13. As the Yale-Princeton game is to be played on Nov. 20 it is probable now that Harvard will not meet Princeton this year. Since Nov. 13 and Nov. 20 are both taken the only remaining date is Nov. 6. This, however, would compel Harvard to play three games in as many weeks, as the Pennsylvania-Harvard game has been arranged for the same date as the Yale-Princeton game.

BILL EXEMPTING FRATERNITY PROPERTY FROM TAXATION.

Assemblyman Bondy is responsible for a bill before the legislature to exempt the property of Greek letter fraternities from taxation, which stands a good chance of being passed. The chairman of the committee on taxation is a Greek as are, also, many members of the legis-

lature. Cornell will feel the effects of the bill, if passed, more than any other university or college in the state, as she has by far the greatest number of fraternities owning chapter houses. —*The Cornell Daily Sun.*

STATE UNIVERSITIES.

There were in the United States January 1st, 1897, thirty-two State Universities, ranging from the University of Pennsylvania, established 1740, to the University of Montana which dates from 1895. Of this number fifteen offer free tuition, eight make charges for certain courses and nine demand regular fees. The total number of students in attendance January 1st, was 26,115 and 2,113 persons were engaged in the work of instruction. The largest number of students at a single institution was at Michigan, 3,014; the smallest number at the University of New Mexico, 93. The aggregate annual income of these thirty-two institutions was last year, nearly four million dollars, and for their support there existed productive funds amounting to more than ten million dollars.

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"A Defense of Shylock" by Harold R. Maxon which appeared in the last number of *The High School Lever* is an able exposition of one of Shakespeare's greatest creations.

The Bowdoin *Orient* of February 27, is a tribute to the memory of Henry W. Longfellow who was born February 27, 1807, and graduated from Bowdoin with the class of 1825. The paper contains many interesting articles commemorating the great poet. Among them we note a poem by Isaac McLellan, of the class of '26, and "Reminiscences of Longfellow" by his only surviving class-mate, Hon. James W. Bradbury.

The final examination of the Seniors in economies will be held next Monday at 4 o'clock P. M.

Amusements at the Van Curler.

Monday, March 8.—Hoyt's "A Stranger in New York." The latest play by the author of "A Contented Woman," "A Milk White Flag," etc., first produced at Buffalo four weeks ago. Cast includes Marie Jansen.

Thursday, March 11.—Return of the jolly comedy "My Friend From India," with Donnelly and Girard.

Friday, March 12.—"Hopkin's Trans-Oceanic Star Specialty Company."

Saturday, March 13.—"In Old Kentucky."

J. H. Manley, of Canton, N. Y., who is district chief of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity spent several days at Union recently. He went to Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J., to attend the annual district reunion of the fraternity. He was accompanied by Jones, '98, as the representative of the local chapter.

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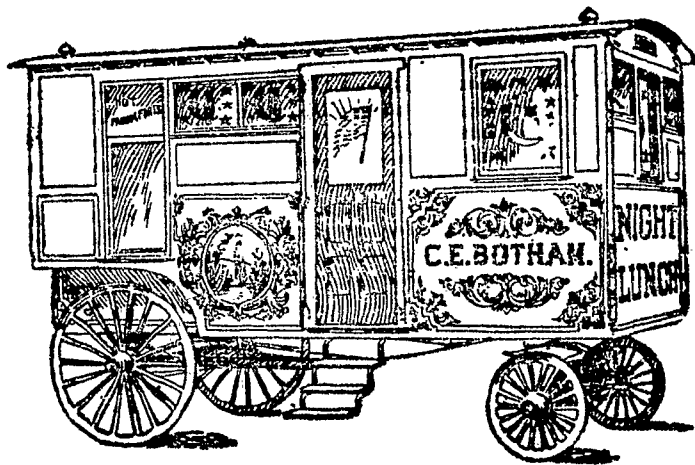
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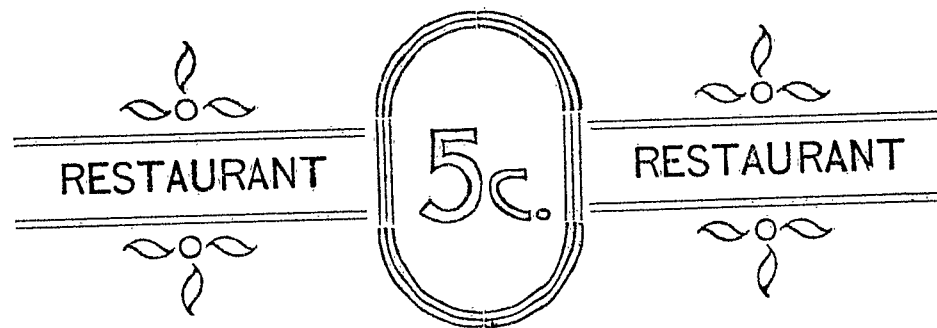
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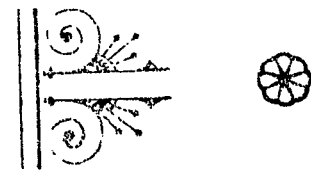
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