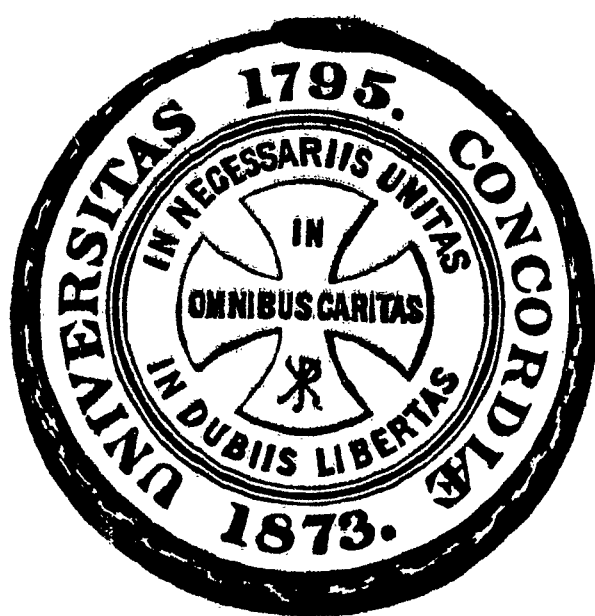


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The Mid-Winter Meet.

The most interesting indoor athletic meet held under Union College auspices in years took place at the Centre Street Opera house, Friday, Feb. 25. It was an inter-class affair, but the sophomore athletes remained dormant and none were entered. The senior class won the meet by a small margin from the freshmen, the junior class finishing a good third.

Several innovations introduced by Manager Cox and Physical Director Pollard, added much to the entertainment of the crowd of spectators. The shot-put was dispensed with and tumbling and parallel bar work by a class instructed by Mr. Pollard lent flavor to the more commonplace events. The opportunity to laugh was presented when the obstacle race was run. Mr. Pollard deserves great credit for the hard work and life he has put into athletics at Union as shown by the success of the meet Friday night.

Two Union college records were broken the past week, one of which, the pole vault, was broken at the meet, the other, the fence vault, was broken in the college gymnasium in the preliminaries. The fence vault record was raised by Deyoe, '98, from 6 ft. 8 in. to 6 ft. 9 in. The pole vault indoor record of 9 ft. 1 in. made in 1895 by W. A. Campbell, '96, was raised by Capt. Sylvester, '99, to 9 ft. 9¾ in., beating the outdoor record of 9 ft. 6 in. made in 1886 by W. P. Landon, '87.

A feature of the evening's events was the mile exhibition run by John Cregan, Princeton, '99. He was paced by Hartnagel, '98, Merriman, '01, and Price, '99, and covered the distance in excellent form in 4 min. 48 sec. Cregan spent his freshman year at Union.

The events began with the short dashes and followed each other in quick succession until the last was over when everybody went away

pleased at having been there and with a better impression of college athletics. The many representatives present of the fairer element of the Dorpians served to make the occasion even more of a success.

The different events and their results follow:

Twenty-yard hurdle—1st, Closs, '98; 2nd, Crothers, '98; 3rd, Collier, '01. Time, 3 2-5 seconds.

Twenty-yard dash—1st, Closs, '98; 2nd, Price, '99; 3rd, Collier, '01. Time, 3 1-5 sec.

Mile run—1st, Merriman, '01; 2nd, Shelley, '01; 3rd, Mallery, '01. Time, 3 min. 43 3-5 seconds.

440-yard dash—1st, Closs, '98; 2nd, Hartnagel, '98. Time, 72 1-5 seconds.

Standing high jump—1st, Sylvester, '99, 5 ft. 8 in.; 2nd, Deyoe, '98; 3rd, Crothers, '98.

Running high jump—1st, Deyoe, '98, 5 ft. 3½ in.; 2nd, Jones, '98, 5 ft. 2½ in.; 3rd, Yates, '98, 5 ft. 1 in.

Running high dive—1st, Jones, '98, 5 ft. 11 in.; 2nd, Deyoe, '98; 3rd, Yates, '98.

Pole vault—1st, Sylvester, '99, 9 ft. 9¾ in.; 2nd, Yates, '98; 3rd, Hodgson, '01.

Club swinging—1st, F. H. Wright, '99; 2nd, Fisher, '98.

Tumbling—1st, Grout, '01; 2nd, Fisher, '98; 3rd, Collier, '01.

Obstacle race—1st, Closs, '98; 2nd, Collier, '01.

Parallel bar exhibition—Deyoe, '98, Fisher, '98, Lawton, '00., Collier, '01, Parker, '01, Slack, '01.

Exhibition mile walk by Hegeman, '99. Time, 8 min. 31½ seconds.

Exhibition mile run by Cregan, Princeton, '99, paced by Hartnagel, Merriman and Price. Time, 4 min. 48 seconds.

F. E. Cram, '85, of Amsterdam, was on the hill Monday.

An Interesting Duel.

Mr. Loren C. Guernsey, Union '95, who paid special attention to the modern languages while in college, and took special honors on graduating in French and German, has been in Europe the last two years and has continued his German studies, one year in the University of Leipsic, and is now finishing a semester in the University of Geneva, Switzerland, whence he goes to Paris for a semester in the university there.

He has just crossed swords with one of the lecturers in Geneva, who took occasion to be rather abusive towards the United States on the slavery and other social questions, by inserting in the columns of the Geneva Tribune the following rejoinder which we give below, and which we think will amuse those who will take the pains to study the article in question, which, we think, draws blood:

Les Etats-Unis et l'esclavage.

Genève, le 4 février.

Monsieur le Rédacteur:

M. Dufour, dans son intéressante conférence de lundi dernier, a prononcé quelques paroles auxquelles il m'est impossible de ne pas répondre.

Moi, qui suis Américain et dont le père s'est battu pour la liberté des nègres, je ne puis accepter que l'on ne considère pas la suppression de l'esclavage comme un bienfait. Je suis persuadé que l'esclavage, quoique regretté par les anciens propriétaires, est détesté par la jeunesse et par tous les amis de la liberté.

Il m'a paru surprenant que l'on puisse, à l'Aula de l'Université de la libre Genève, vanter l'esclavage.

Depuis la guerre on a fondé beaucoup d'écoles pour les nègres, et j'ai plusieurs preuves que les enfants des esclaves font de grands progrès; ainsi, nous avons déjà des employés du gouvernement, des avocats, des pasteurs, des professeurs qui sont noirs; cependant, trente-trois années seulement se sont écoulées depuis la guerre; il est donc évident que, maintenant déjà, la couleur de la peau n'empêche pas de distinguer l'intelligence et le mérite.

M. le conférencier a vécu dans une contrée où la population était favorable à l'esclavage et il a subi sans doute la triste influence des anciens propriétaires.

Le livre de Mme Harriet Beecher-Stowe *La Case de l'Oncle Tom* n'est point un pamphlet, comme l'a

dit l'honorable conférencier, mais la vérité même. Mme Stowe n'est pas le seul auteur qui ait décrit la malheureuse position des esclaves. Chaque homme de cœur considère ce livre comme un chef-d'œuvre et Mme Stowe comme une philanthrope qui a beaucoup contribué à la suppression de l'esclavage.

J'ai souvent voyagé en Europe et je n'ai pas trouvé que l'égalité et la liberté y soient plus complètes qu'en Amérique. En Europe comme ailleurs, l'égalité n'est possible qu'entre gens de même position.

Partout on préfère les gens riches et distingués, et quand les nègres le seront, chacun les estimera. Si les anciens esclaves ne sont pas encore arrivés à l'égalité complète, ils ont du moins une vie plus heureuse qu'autrefois, et j'espère avec beaucoup d'autres que dans quelques années il n'y aura plus aucune différence entre les blancs et les noirs.

M. le conférencier a tourné en ridicule nos mœurs matrimoniales, il a cité quelques cas exceptionnels de la Caroline qui n'est qu'une petite partie des Etats-Unis. Nous n'affichons pas nos promesses de mariage, mais pourtant nous nous marions légalement et nous n'enlevons point nos fiancées. Il faut connaître plus que la Caroline pour bien juger les Etats-Unis.

LOREN C. GUERNSEY,
Américain.

New Books Recently Received.

The following books have been received and placed on the library shelves within the past two weeks:

"Presentation Holiday of Hamilton College;" "Vox Clamantis," Ralph Sadler; "Facts and Fakes about Cuba," George B. Rea; "Reminiscences," E. H. Crocker; "Textbook of Elocution," Maria P. Bruce; "Delsarte System of Expression," Genevieve Stebbins; "Principles of Elocution," Alexander M. Bell; "25th Annual Report of State Charities Aid Association;" "Partisan Politics," James S. Brown; "Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, vol. 51;" "Philosophy of Fiction in Literature," Daniel G. Thompson; "Library Bulletin of U. S. Department of Agriculture;" "The Experimental Novel and Other Essays," Emile Zola; "Aspects of Fiction," Brander Matthews; "Report of 20th Annual Meeting of American Bar Association;" "U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey for year ending June, 1896;" "Annual Report of U. S. Commissioner of Patents;" "Princeton Contributions to Psychology," edited by J. Mark Baldwin;

"English Grammar," and "English Exercises," Lindley Murray; "Selected Documents of U. S. History," William MacDonald; "De Actione Comuni Dividundo," Petrus Van Vechten; "Annual Report of U. S. Lighthouse Board;" "The Gate Called Beautiful," Edward A. Warriner; "Alternating Currents," Frederick Bedell and A. C. Crehore; "Analysis of English and French History," Dawson W. Turner; "Report of 21st Annual Convention of American Humane Association;" "N. Y. State Fisheries, Game and Forest Commission Report, 1895;" "Annual Report of N. Y. State Botanist," Chas. H. Peck; "History of the First Half Century of Smithsonian Institution, 1846-1896;" "The Duty of Self-Control," Francis L. Patton; "2nd Annual Report of N. Y. State Historian, 1896."

Student Volunteers in Convention.

On February 23-27 in Cleveland, Ohio, was held the third quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions. In all, 458 institutions of higher learning were represented by 1,717 student delegates, and this number was swelled by members of faculties, returned missionaries, secretaries of boards, unattached volunteers, etc., to 2,214 regular delegates. The large meetings were held in the armory of the Cleveland Grays, which had been specially fitted up and decorated for the occasion. The plan of meetings was, consideration of general topics in morning and evening, and sectional conferences during the afternoon. Subdivisions were discussed under such general heads as "The money question in missions," "The duty of the church," "The need of the volunteer movement," etc.

The sectional conferences were on evangelical, medical and educational work, the various fields, the work of the various denominations, and kindred topics. Rev. F. B. Meyer, of England opened the sessions, his subject being "The Quiet Hour." John R. Mott, chairman of the executive committee of the movement was chairman of the convention and made one of the ablest addresses. Among the noted speakers were Rev. Francis E. Clark; President Erving of Lahore College, India; Rev. C. C. Hall, Donald G. Thornton, fraternal delegate from

Great Britain, Z. R. Zwemer, F. R. G. S., Bishop Ninde, Dr. A. F. Schauffler, Harlan P. Beach, educational secretary of the movement, and others. By far the best address was delivered by Robert O. Speer, in defense of the motto of the movement, which is "The evangelization of the world in this generation."

Shakespeare Club.

Professor Webster gave an informal but highly entertaining lecture before the Shakespeare club Tuesday evening. He chose as the topic of his remarks Falstaff.

Falstaff is a master-piece of whose character no one can say too much. It was written at a time when Shakespeare was esteemed for comedy. Every critic has a different way of getting over Falstaff's audacious weaknesses.

Then followed a brief description of his youth and mode of life, especially touching upon his bodily deformities which made him the butt of the company. Had he been a real character we would never have known when he was in a serious mood and when gleeful.

One very pleasing attribute of Shakespeare is the development of the character before our eyes such as that of King Henry from a bad character to England's best king. His ability is shown in the grouping and placing of his characters.

On account of Falstaff's ridiculous figure he usually employed his wit in self defence. Other comic characters vanish into thin air on close inspection. It is not so with Falstaff. The keynote of his character is his utter irresponsibility. His profusion of morals is so lacking that we scarcely think of looking for any.

Falstaff was familiar with scripture and often quoted it. His view of a future life was decidedly pessimistic and he frequently referred to such things in his conversation.

He was really more deserving of sympathy than the young king. His early environments ruined him. He drifted through the joys of life apparently the victim of circumstances and without moral stamina.

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THE first hare and hounds run at this college for many years, will be held next Saturday morning. The men will start from the gymnasium at 10:30 o'clock. The run will not be a hard one and promises to be full of interest. Let everyone who can, take part.

OUR gifted colleague, North College, Esq., whose communication appears elsewhere, broaches a subject well worthy the consideration of the proper authorities. The communication is timely. It is likewise suggestive. It is timely, because at the time of writing the mud is deep. It is suggestive, because it conjures up a vision of future commencements when a dip from our alma mater will postulate web-feet and other things not down in the catalogue.

Altogether the communication is deserving the valuable space it occupies. We heartily concur in the opinion that these columns could stand many such.

A DECIDEDLY welcome innovation at the mid-winter meet of last Friday night was the introduction of several heavy gymnasium events. This is exactly what has been needed heretofore to make the public take an interest in our annual in-door meet. The ponderous, long drawn-out events are all right in their place, but their place isn't at a public entertainment. The gymnasium features, pyramid work, tumbling, etc., invariably receive a greedy reception wherever done with even moderate skill. Under the capable tutelage of our present physical instructor, the undergraduates have a chance to make some rapid strides in this direction. It is safe to say they will not be slow in taking advantage of the opportunity.

THE action of the sophomore class in refusing to take part in the mid-winter meet was downright little and childish. We cannot believe that such a puerile expression of petty distemper declares the sentiments of the class as a whole. The braver portion of the class put up a plucky fight against overwhelming numbers of freshmen in the recent snow-ball scrimmage. And some who are rarer, but braver still, have been attending college meetings. These men are manly. And yet they have been so short-sighted, or so careless, as to let the nurslings proclaim as class song, that touching little ballad, "I don't want to play in your yard." What is it this latter element really needs? Is it the gentler atmosphere of a "co-ed." institution, or a big dose of George Junior Republic?

NEXT Friday night all the undergraduates and all the alumni of Union university within traveling distance, and all the members of the faculty included in neither of the above divisions, will be presented an opportunity to eat, talk, and hear good speeches. This opportunity is nothing less than the undergraduate banquet,—and now is the time to subscribe. Everyone should go. Even those who are too poor to pay their athletic subscriptions should go; because, who knows, at the banquet they may discover they're not so poor after all. The committee in charge has labored

faithfully to make the affair an artistic success, Minehost Brown assures us it will be a culinary success, now surely the students will declare themselves for a financial success. We repeat it, now is the time to subscribe.

The University Banquet.

There has been during the year a growing college sentiment that upper classmen and sophomores should give up the idea of separate banquets, and that the whole university banquet together. With this end in view a college committee was appointed to attend to the matter. The committee consists of Hild, '98, chairman and toastmaster, Griffith, '98, Van der Veer, '99 and Francis, 1900. They have been at work for a number of weeks and the definite results of their work are nearly ready to appear. March 11 has been decided on as the date. President Raymond has been invited to speak on the subject "Alma Mater;" Dr. Perkins on the subject "Reminiscences;" Joseph A. Lawson on the Law department; Wm. Hailes, Jr., on the Medical department; W. G. Tucker, on the Pharmaceutical department; a law undergraduate on "Men;" a medical student on "The Ladies;" a college undergraduate on "Our Banquet;" A. J. Dillingham on Athletics; William Grant Brown (Father Brown), who is a graduate of both college and law school, on "The University."

The banquet is to be held at the hostelry of our friend Charles Brown, and the price has been fixed at \$1.50 per plate, on the estimate that a hundred men will be present. This number must attend in order that expenses may be cleared. It is hoped too that a precedent may be established, and the whole college should be present at what it is hoped will prove to be the inception of a new university institution.

Minor Topics.

Edward H. Rodgers, '98, has passed the State civil service examination for clerkships in the State departments.

The voluble general agents of book concerns are beginning their annual tours and making life miserable for the students.

On Since We're Not Turtles.

Editor Concordiensis:

I read some time ago that the engineers of the senior class, were engaged in designing a system of sewers for the town of Middleburgh. While this opportunity is doubtless soul-inspiring for them, there is another which appeals much more strongly to the college at large. The season of spring freshets is now with us, and we know only too well that at the slightest provocation the walks on the terrace get into a state which is simply a disgrace to any institution which pretends to teach engineering. To the uninitiated the situation seems to offer every facility for draining off the water, and I for one believe that if the members of the engineering department should devote their minds to the problem, they could solve it. They would thereby earn the gratitude of many persons who are not amphibious by conviction, though they may become so by necessity, and who object to swimming beyond their depth. The Philistines of the outside world occasionally declare that college education is not practical. Can we blame them, when we send our engineers off into the woods, and ourselves wallow in the slush? If, however, the time of the engineers is too valuable to be devoted to something which is really useful, perhaps our genial superintendent of grounds can be induced to grapple with the problem; and at the rate with which certain long-promised improvements come, those of us who are freshmen may possibly live to see old Union's campus in such a condition that we shall not be ashamed to ask our friends to walk on it, even in a cloud-burst.

Hopefully yours,

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Look Him Up.

The following clipping has been sent to this office:

The original of "My name is Marks, I'm a lawyer, shake," is living in poor circumstances in Chicago, at the age of eighty-three. His name is Abraham Marks. He says that Mrs. Stowe wished to localize "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and some one told her he was the only attorney in the vicinity.

Judge Marks—he was made a Probate Judge by Sam Houston—has had a checkered career. Graduating from Union College in 1832, he studied law, was admitted to the bar, and went to New Orleans. From there he went to Monroe, La., where he established The Standard. His conduct of that paper drew him into several duels, and he

was indicted half a dozen times for libel. In 1837 he met a fire-eater named Alexander on "the field of honor," and escaped with a bullet through his coat.

After this duel he started for Texas on horseback. At Houston he met the famous Sam Houston, then President of the Texan Republic. Houston made him Judge of the Probate Court at San Antonio. He remained in Texas a number of years and then returned to Arkansas.

All his life Judge Marks has been an active politician. He was at first a Whig, but afterward became a Republican, to which party he has belonged since it was born, in 1856. He says that when he was a very small child his parents, who lived at Pensacola, were intimate with General Jackson's family, and that he remembers seeing Mrs. Jackson sit in the chimney corner and smoke a pipe. He asserts that Henry Ward Beecher once told him confidentially that if he could see the manuscript of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" he would see that he (Beecher) had written a large part of the book.—St. Paul Globe.

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Neurology.

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Alumni Notes.

W. H. Hall, '96, has been made principal of the preparatory department of the American Protestant College, Beirut, Syria.

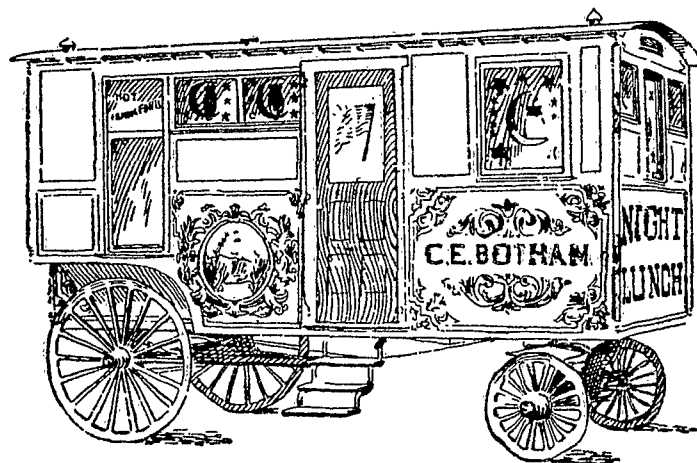
The name of John Van Schaick, Jr., A. B., Union '94, appears as professor of English, history and sociology in the recently issued register of the College of Emporia, Emporia, Kansas. Professor Van Schaick is also chairman of the curriculum committee and member of the committee on athletics and that on lecture courses.

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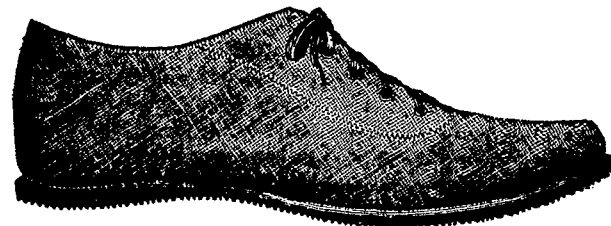
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