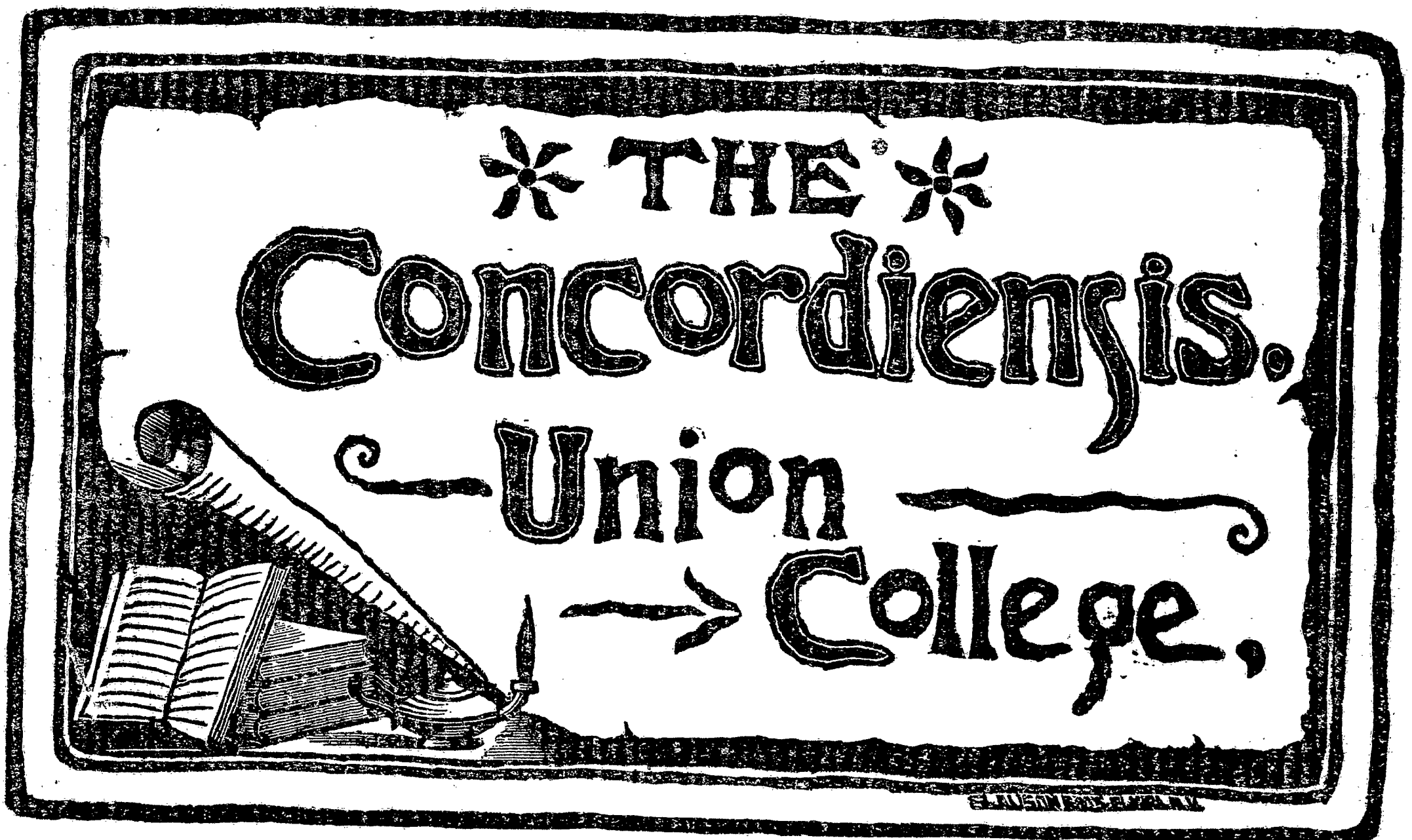


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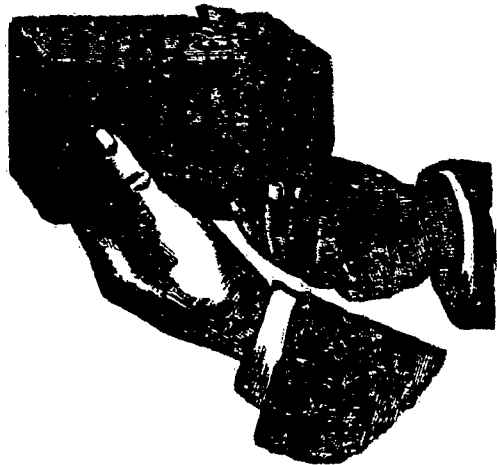
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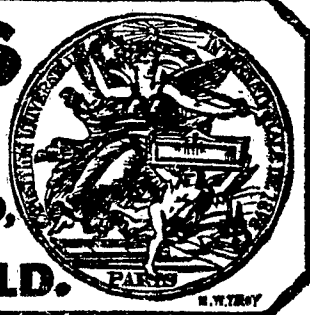
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Editorial.

IN this number we publish the second Blatchford Oration, and the Valedictory of '91, and hope in a short time to be able to give the first Blatchford Oration. These orations possess great literary merit and are well worth careful perusal.

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WITH an increase of seventy in the number of students in college this year, the subscription list of THE CONCORDIENSIS should increase proportionately. All students should remember that it is their duty to support their college publication:

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EVERY loyal son and every friend of "Old Union" may now rejoice in the signs of the rising fame and increasing prosperity of the college. For there is every reason to believe that the dark clouds which so long hovered about her horizon are dispersing. The entering class is one of the largest the college has ever had. And of the 79 men who have entered all but one or two are candidates for a degree. There have also been several additions to the other classes.

* *

ON another page will be found the Constitution adopted by the Glee Club last year, which was crowded out of the last two numbers of Vol. XIV. This will give the students some idea of what that body expects to accomplish, now that it is fully organized. Further information comes to us from one of the officers of the Club to the effect that the Club expects to take a trip some time during the present year, and also to give one concert in Schenectady sometime during the winter, and another at Commencement.

Now that the Glee Club is so firmly established, why doesn't some enthusiast push the organization of a Banjo Club to its completion? The fact that those who played at the Glee Club concert at Commencement did so well, shows that there is good material in college, which needs nothing more nor less than a leader, to effect a permanent organization. And it is shameful that there isn't a Banjo Club in college too, as it is shameful that for such a long time there was no Glee Club. The cry of "no talent" is no longer an excuse: it was that cry which was so discouraging to the Base Ball Manager last year when he wanted to give an opera for the benefit of the athletic fund—but, as soon as Pinafore was decided upon, it took but a very short time to prove that there was talent, and plenty of it, too, in the College. There can be no excuse, other than lack of enthusiasm and willingness to work, on the part of those men who are banjoists; let this be overcome, and some good, hard-working man put at the head, and a Banjo Club could very soon be organized.

FOOT BALL.

The outlook for a good foot ball team has never been better than it is this year. Of last year's Varsity eleven, five have returned. Daley, Gregory, Coons, McCowatt, and Van Valkenburg. Besides there are several men, who, although not on the team last year, gave promise of

becoming good players. We have also Allen who played four years on the Amherst team, and who is going to take the engineering course at Union. Mr. Allen is an experienced player, and will strengthen the team in many ways. Furthermore the large freshman class will afford some good material.

All that is needed now is careful and energetic management. The manager and captain should see that the men are on the campus for practice every afternoon.

They should also start a training table, and get the team together the same as is done at other institutions, so that the men may lack nothing of the careful training so essential to success.

The men in college should do all they can to help the manager both by coming out themselves and getting others to come out and play. By doing this they will not only give the men on the team practice, but will also encourage them to work harder. The freshmen especially should come out and see what they can do, for it is from their number that the Varsity must get players for the next two or three years.

Heretofore at the beginning of the year the men have had to look back on defeat and discouragement, this year, however, it is different, they have last year's success to cheer them on to win other laurels for Alma Mater. And at this time nothing can be more fitting than to repeat the words of council given by "Bob"

at the beginning of last year. "Let every man, then, in Union College, who can play foot ball, come out on the campus daily, and do his best. If a man cannot play, let him encourage those who do. Let no man go on the field for personal glory, but let him reflect that he can do a service to his *Alma Mater* by supporting her interests: and let him then go to work and help the team to win."

VALEDICTORY.

BEEKMAN COX LITTLE.

Nearly a century has passed since the graduation of the first class to enter Union College. With the imagination one can look back over these many years upon that first Commencement Day and see, then as now, a number of young men bidding farewell to their *Alma Mater*. If it was hard at that time, and it most assuredly was hard, for the members of those first few classes to leave behind them all but the memories of Union College, a college as yet unfamed and almost unknown, how much more of a trial it is for us to part with the Union College of to-day, rich as it is in such associations as have accrued to it from nearly one hundred years of an eventful existence!

To-day must we say good bye not to one, or two, or three, but to all those, upon whom as we entered college we looked as strangers, who soon grew into acquaintances and

whom we now recognize as friends, in this case surely a true and a noble title.

To understand more clearly our feelings, would you have me mention some of those from whom this day we part with most regret? Consider then that among that number is Dr. Harrison E. Webster. Mr. President! During our four years of college life we were one year without you and three years have we been with you and you with us, heart and soul. But compare these two periods of time and the benefit we have derived from the last three years is, not three times, but rather thirty times as great as that derived from that one first year; a result due we honestly and loyally believe to your practice and your teachings. Gentlemen of the Board of Trustees! Though unacquainted with you personally, we know you as guardians of the college that we love, having ever her interests at heart and striving always for her welfare. From you therefore we take our leave, our minds at rest concerning Union's future advancement. Gentlemen of the Faculty! To each one of you must we say farewell! We do not know how much of our success in life may be due to the learning that we have received at your hands, yet we fully realize your worth and only hope that we may be able to do as much good to others as you have done to us.

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and heart felt words can show very clearly our sorrow at this parting, but how express our feelings at leaving behind all those scenes and places so familiar and dear to us! Those halls, and rooms, and walks, and gardens, and even the very trees! We do not ask, nay nor do we expect you who may never have experienced the pleasures of living amid the environments of college life, to understand our feelings toward these, to you, inanimate things. We only know that they are dear to us and it will be with tears in our eyes that we take one long last look at the beautiful grounds and the grey old walls of Union College. Will I be pardoned now, if, for my class, I say good bye and give our best wishes to one whom we have always admired for her devotion to Union College with which she is so intimately connected? Is not the daughter of that grand old scholar, Taylor Lewis, and the widow of that brave and gallant soldier, General Peissner, is not she, the present registrar of the college, worthy of at least a passing word of praise? And now comes the sweetest and the saddest of all the farewells. Classmates! To you are my words addressed. May they be received by you in the same spirit and with the same good will with which they are addressed. Bound together as we have been by the closest of friendships, with our hopes, and aims, and desires, so united, it will seem strange indeed

for each one of us to go on working, apart from his classmates, by himself and for himself. Yet so it must be. Take with you then, as you go your separate ways, this maxim—short it may be, yet true as gold, “Be good and you will be happy.” You can never be ashamed of Union College and so conduct yourselves that Union College can never be ashamed of you. Remember that the star of Union’s fame is ever waving onward and upward. Let no act of yours ever dim that star’s brightness or check its course on its ever increasing orbit. Hoping and believing that in the life before you, you will both command and deserve success, I bid you good bye—good bye with all the sacred meaning of that word, God be with you—Farewell and farewell.

PROGRESS AND INTELLECT.

WM. A. McDONNALD.

Among the varied reflections which the nineteenth century is accustomed to make on its condition and prospects, there is one opinion in which all parties coincide—that we live in an era of progress. Human enterprise has assumed broader and grander proportions. The whole realm of occupations has been raised and amplified. There is less delving and drudgery in grosser things. Material production has been increased. New forms of wealth have been created and diffused. Comforts beyond the dream of the most hope-

ful have been made available to all classes. Science has opened the secret places of nature and has revealed her mighty powers—creating new departments in business; quickening the intercourse of nations; adding new comforts to mankind, and in fact giving a new phase to civilization itself.

This age, however, is characterized not more by its material progress than by its moral superiority over preceding ages. Earlier times however energetic in action were retrospective in sentiment. But the triumph of this age is that side by side with this development of the resources of the physical world has gone on a gradual ascendancy of the moral powers of society over its purely animal tendencies. The whole sphere of man has been elevated. All the tendencies of the age have been responsive to the needs, the ambitions and the glory of humanity. Scholars, historians, philosophers, artists, the spiritual guides and the patrons of charity, all have sought to give strength, elevation and dignity to life, manliness to character and cordiality and confidence to intercourse. In short while being an age of unparalleled material prosperity it has been withal an age of personal security, of national liberty, and of universal intelligence.

All the greatness of this age—its moral superiority; its compass of policy; its successful contention with nature or with man; its industrial renown; its agriculture, its trade, its

science in fact all its great works may be traced to a few energetic qualities of mind and character.

All the elements of nature, the great mineral deposits, indispensable to these later days; the ocean covered by fleets of majestic and swift-going ships; the vital energies which for eternal ages have acted in the domain of physics, all these forces existed long before any human need was felt, or before ambition had even a name or being. Something more powerful is needed than mere potentiality; something more suggestive, more inspiring, more creative. Something superior to nature and which holds the mastery over it. Something without which opportunity is of little value, and that something is intelligence, is mental power.

Intellect has contributed to security, to independence, to the aggrandizement of communities by informing and directing labor. It is this element in labor whether on land or sea, in the field or in the workshop which in all its applications, from the simplest to the most complex has taken the crude and passive forms of nature and has shaped them into things of beauty and usefulness. Labor thus instructed and guided by intellect has taken the shapeless ore from its bed and has formed it into appliances for the use of man; it has tunneled the mountains; it has covered the sea with ships freighted with the products of every clime; it has banded the continent in every direction with railroads bearing even

a greater commerce than the sea, and as by enchantment it has created cities which have become the centre of industry and culture.

Again the high moral and prudential character of this age is as striking an example of the progress of intellect as is the development of its material resources. Allied with industrial progress; with the extension of conquest over the powers of nature; with the enfranchisement of labor; the development of industry and of commerce has gone on an equal development of moral sentiment. Intellect has diffused through all spheres of life thoughtfulness, economy, self-respect and regard for the rights of man.

Thus, all these signs of material and moral prosperity are evidences of intellectual progress. Everything bears the impress of thought. Every occupation of life—the universal labor of civilization—shows the effects of mental effort. Looking then to the future needs of our country, from the standpoint of its material and moral growth we can see how large and incessant must be the demand for intellectual culture and how closely is intellectual culture allied with the welfare of our population and the security of the state.

Prof. W. S. Chaplin, Adjunct Professor of Physics, '83-'84, and Professor of Mathematics '83-'85 (since which time he has been Professor of Engineering in Harvard), has been elected Chancellor of Wahington University, in St. Louis.

GLEE CLUB CONSTITUTION.

NAME, OBJECT.

ARTICLE I.—The name of this organization shall be the Union College Glee Club. Its object shall be the study of male chorus music, and the promotion of the musical interests of the students of the college.

MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE II.—The membership shall consist of two classes: active and associate, whose duties and privileges shall be hereinafter specified.

OFFICERS.

ARTICLE III.—The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Musical Director, who shall be elected at the last meeting of the college year, and serve one year from the time of their election. All elections shall be by ballot.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ARTICLE IV. § 1.—The duties of the President shall be to preside at all business meetings of the Club; and to enforce the Constitution and By-Laws.

§ 2. The duty of the Vice-President shall be to exercise the functions of President in the absence of that officer.

§ 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to record in a book, provided for that purpose, all transactions of the Club at its business meetings, and to carry on all correspondence of the Club.

§ 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to collect all dues and assessments; and to pay from such collections all bills ordered paid by the Club. He shall present a written report of the financial condition of the Club at the last regular meeting of each term.

MUSICAL COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE V.—There shall be a Musical Committee consisting of the leader, and one member from each part appointed by him; whose duties shall be to pass upon the eligibility of all candidates for active membership; and to select all music for the use of the Club.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE VI. § 1.—The Active Membership shall be restricted to regularly matriculated students of Union College.

§ 2. A candidate for Active Membership shall be required to undergo a test by the Musical Director, and attend at least two successive rehearsals of the Club; after which, upon a favorable report of the Musical Committee, his name may be brought up for election.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of each active member, by regular attendance, punctuality, and a lively interest in all rehearsals, to further the objects of the organization.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE VII. § 1.—Any person may become an Associate Member of this organization upon the annual payment of one dollar.

§ 2. Such members shall be privileged to attend all rehearsals, concerts, and business meetings of the Club; but shall not be eligible to office; nor shall they have a vote.

INITIATION FEE AND DUES.

ARTICLE VIII. § 1.—Every person upon being admitted to Active Membership in this Club shall pay an initiation fee of one dollar.

§ 2 Every Active Member shall pay into the Treasury at the beginning of each term, the sum of seventy-five cents; in addition to the initiation fee.

MEETINGS.

ARTICLE IX. § 1.—There shall be a regular business meeting of the Club on the first Monday of each month during the college year.

§ 2. Special business meetings may be called by the President, or in his absence, by the Secretary, at any time.

§ 3. A majority of the Active Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any business meeting.

§ 4. There shall be a regular rehearsal in the college every Thursday evening during the college year, at half-past seven.

§ 5. Special rehearsals may be called by the Musical Director at any time.

AMENDMENTS.

ARTICLE X. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the Active Members, provided, at least one weeks notice be given to all.

Personals.

'38. Rev. John Henry Newman, D. D., *Ψ. γ. φ. B., K*, celebrated, on Aug. 15, 1891, the fiftieth anniversary of his wedding. Beside the large number of people present, a great many letters of regret were received, among them being letters from President Webster and Prof. Lamoignon of Union—all of which testify to Dr. Newman's great popularity. Dr. Newman graduated from Union with honors, and from 1852 to 1863 was Professor of Latin. He was also Instructor and Principal of the Troy Conference Academy,

Poultney, Vt., from 1838 to 1852; and Principal of the Ripley Female College of the same place from 1863 to 1873. Since then he has been in business, holding several responsible positions, in Lincoln, Neb.

'65. Pres. Cady Staley, *Φ. B. K.*, of the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio, spent several days in town, the guest of Pres. Webster, during the Summer.

'71. Martin Schenck has received the Democratic nomination for State Engineer and Surveyor.

'71. Dr. Thos. R. Featherstonhaugh, M. D., *Σ. Φ.*, *Φ. B. K.*, made a flying visit to Schenectady during the Summer.

'76. Rev. Eugene J. Babcock has accepted a call to the Rectorship of S. Paul's Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

'81. Samuel P. McClellan, *Ψ. T.*, has spent the summer traveling in Europe with Robertson, *Ψ. T.*, '91.

'87. Robert Furman, M. D., has opened an office in New York.

'87. E. M. Cameron, *Δ. Φ.*, was married in Albany, Sept. 14th, to Miss Mary E. Sloan.

'87. James Long, a member of this class for two years, suicided last June by jumping into the rapids at Niagara.

'88. Louis M. King was married on September 24th, to Miss Rebecca Davidson, of Schenectady.

'89. J. Howard Hanson, *Δ. Δ. Φ.*, *Φ. B. K.*, was admitted to the bar on September 11. He expects to open an office in Amsterdam.

'90. Henry G. Dean, *Φ. Δ. Θ.*, was married on Aug. 5, to Miss Lillie Wemple, of Amsterdam.

'90. John C. Knox, *Φ. Δ. Θ.*, was ordained to the ministry and installed as Pastor of the Second Reformed church of Rotterdam, on the 8th of September.

CLASS OFFICERS.

The Juniors have elected the following officers for the year: President, E. J. Webster; Vice-President, Allan Wright; Secretary, H. D. Cordovez; Treasurer, S. J. Parent; Foot Ball Manager, J. L. Van Valkenburg; Base Ball Manager, R. H. Thatcher; CONCORDIENSIS Editors, full term, E. M. Burke; to fill vacancy, G. T. Hughes.

The following are the Sophomore officers: President, L. C. Rice; Vice-President, A. J. Braman; Secretary, G. V. Smith; Treasurer, Roger Perkins; Foot Ball Manager, C. E. Gregory; Base Ball Manager, L. McClintock; CONCORDIENSIS Editor, H. L. Cook; Toast Master, C. A. Burbank.

Freshman officers: President, Van Schaick; Vice-President, Shalders; Historian, Hulbert; Toast Master, Cooke; Foot Ball Manager, Ames; Base Ball Manager, Packard; CONCORDIENSIS Editor, Crannell.

WHAT '91 IS DOING.

Briggs, *Φ. Δ. Θ., Σ. Ε.*, has been employed on the Albany Day Line since college closed. He expects to enter the Albany Medical College about Oct. 15.

Burr, *Δ. Τ.*, is studying law in the office of W. C. Mills, Union '85, in Gloversville.

Cassedy, *B. Θ. Π., Σ. Ε.*, is studying law in Gloversville.

Clements, *A. Δ. Φ.*, is at the Auburn Theological Seminary.

Edwards, *Φ. Κ. Ψ.*, is preaching at Clintonville, in the Adirondacks. He expects to be received in full connection and ordained Deacon in the Methodist church, in April.

Ferguson, *B. Θ. Π.*, is in Amsterdam, in the law office of E. P. White, Union '79.

Fiske, *Δ. Τ.*, is in Gloversville.

Lay, *B. Θ. Π.*, is assistant astronomer in the Dudley Observatory.

Little, *K. A., Σ. Ε.*, has, at present, a position as leveler, on the preliminary survey for a new conduit line between Hemlock Lake, and Rochester.

McDonald, *Δ. Τ.*, is studying law with Baker and Burton, of Gloversville.

Preston, *K. A., Σ. Ε.*, is in the office of Chas. F. Stowell, Bridge Engineer, of Albany.

Robertson, *Ψ. Τ.*, is just completing an European trip begun shortly after Commencement.

Obituary.**DR. ROBERT T. S. LOWELL.**

The beginning of the college year, otherwise so cheerful, was saddened by the death of Dr. Lowell, who was for six years connected with the college as professor of Latin.

Dr. Lowell was born in Boston in 1816.

In 1833 he was graduated from Harvard. He then took a full course at the Harvard Medical school but never became a regular practitioner. After this he engaged in mercantile pursuits.

In 1839 he began the study of theology, and at the conclusion of his course, upon the invitation of Bishop Spenser of Newfoundland, he went to Bermuda. He was then ordained deacon in 1842 and priest in 1843.

After holding several parishes in Newfoundland and this county he was, in 1873, elected to the chair of Latin in the college. This position he held until 1880. During this time and subsequently Dr. Lowell resided in Schenectady.

He was the brother of James Russell Lowell, and showed the latter's love of refinement and good literature.

Dr. Lowell was an author of some note. Among his best known works is, "The New Priest in Conception Bay." He also composed several poems.

A POEM IN PROSE.

DISAPPOINTMENT.

He goes gaily to the rendezvous. He laughs as he crosses the little brook for he thinks of the last time they crossed it together. Some violets grow on its banks and he stops to cull them, she loves violets, and and as he gathers the blossoms he hums the tune she loves and his eyes grow moist.

He is first at the trysting place, the old oak that has sheltered them so many times, but she is not there. He has probably come too early in his haste, he muses, as he has come many times before, so he lays the violets carefully down, lest the warmth of his hand should wither them, and waits.

The shadows lengthen and still he sits alone, the moon goes behind a cloud and when it comes out again the shadow of the oak has grown wonderfully, but still she does not come. He strains his eyes and listens—at last!—that is her voice, her step—but there is another with her, and as they walk in the moonlight her hand is in his and the music of her voice is for him.

Beside the poor boy under the oak a great sorrow comes and sits and he throws himself prone upon his face, when, as if to complete his agony, his lips touch the violets he had gathered—gathered for her!

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Locals.

Seventy-nine Freshmen.

During the absence of Dr. Wright, the Juniors have been reciting in Mechanics to Prof. Ripton.

A well has been driven in the quadrangle back of each college.

The Juniors defeated the Freshmen at Base Ball, 13 to 2; and the Sophomores defeated the Freshmen 10 to 7.

At the Glee Club meeting held Sept. 28, there were twenty-three applicants.

The Juniors defeated the Freshmen at Foot Ball, 32 to 0.

ACTING upon the supposition that every man in college should take at least one subscription to THE CONCORDIENSIS, this number is sent to every student. Unless word is received on or before Friday, Oct. 16, from any student, that he is not loyal enough to his college to support its publication, his name will be entered on the subscription list as a regular subscriber, and the Business Editor will call upon him sometime between now and Nov. 15, for the subscription price, which is two dollars. It is the intention of the editors this year to make THE CONCORDIENSIS distinctly a college paper, and in consequence much more space will be devoted to news concerning the college and its alumni, than to the literary department—thus making the paper of more real necessity than it would be otherwise.

WHAT THE FACULTY HAVE BEEN DOING.

President Webster has made several short business trips, but has spent his vacation at home.

Dr. Whitehorne has spent the summer in Schenectady, with the exception of a couple of weeks spent with members of his family in New Jersey.

Prof. Wells has been in the "land of the midnight sun," is now in Italy, and is expecting to go to Palestine and Egypt. The time of his return is, as yet, uncertain.

Prof. Perkins spent about a month in Matunack, R. I., but the rest of the time has been in Schenectady.

Prof. Ashmore spent a few weeks at Lake Placid, in the Adirondacks, and the remainder of his vacation at his home in New York. He intends spending next summer in Germany.

Prof. Truax spent some time with R. C. Alexander, '80, at his Lake George Cottage, some at Lake Placid, and the remainder at Ocean Grove.

Dr. Wright spent the entire summer traveling on the Continent with his father and wife.

Prof. Hoffman spent the summer in Schenectady.

Prof. Ripton visited his old home in Johnstown.

Prof. Brown and Prof. Stoller worked on the State Board of Health expert work, on the Hudson River.

Prof. A. S. Wright spent the entire vacation at White Lake, N. Y.

Prof. Cole spent a few weeks at his home in the Catskills, and the remainder of his vacation at Lake George, and in Schenectady.

Prof. Winans has been in Gloversville, carrying on the study of law, all summer.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE FOOT-BALL MANAGER IS SELF-EXPLANATORY.

WEST END AVENUE, 208, NEW YORK, Aug. 12, 1891.—*Mr. J. V. Wemple*:—You call for collection for College Missions, or more especially for the amelioration of the condition of the Union Foot Ball Champions is at hand.

I gave \$5 for the organization of a ragged tribe of Fegee Islanders on Sunday, and my little girl says they are no better than the foot ball boys. She was so earnest about it that I concluded to join in her enthusiasm.

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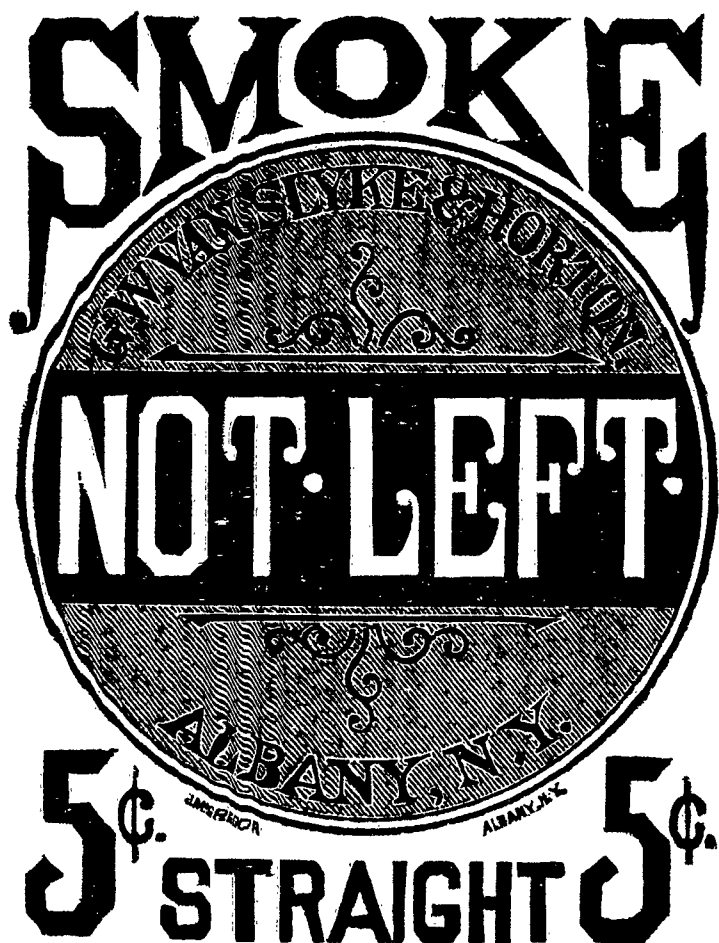
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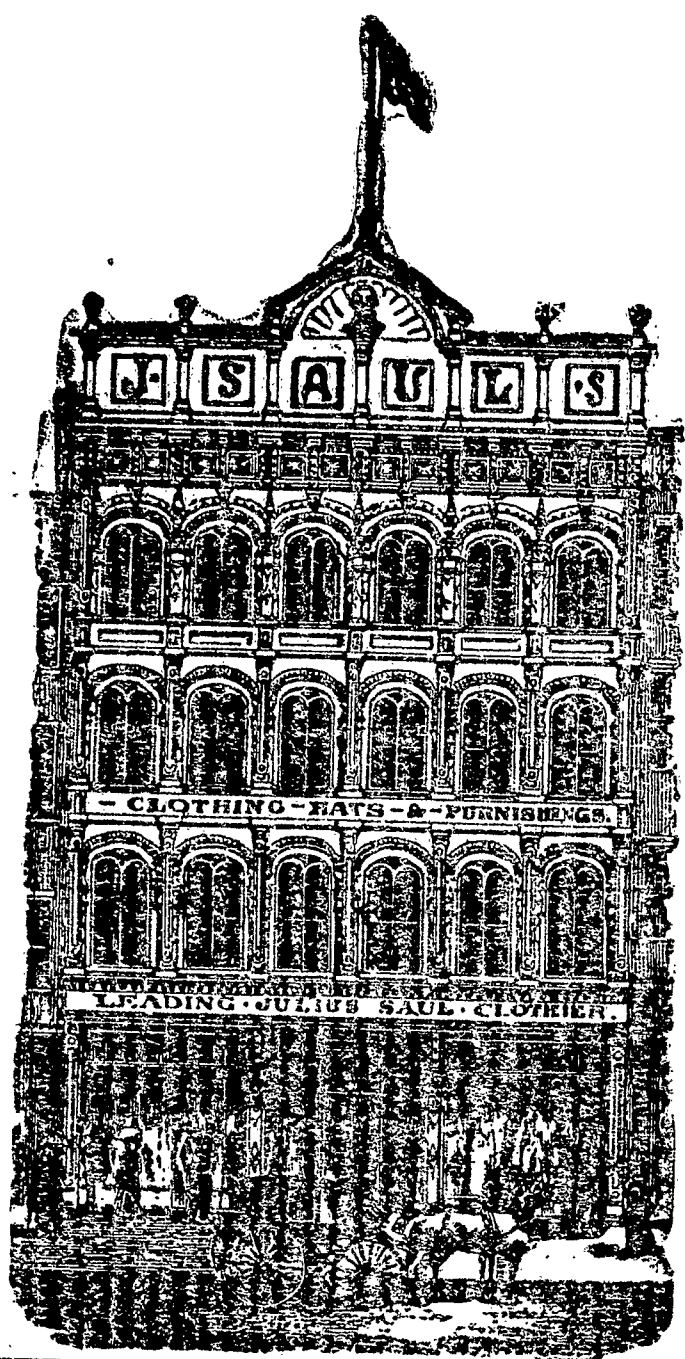
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