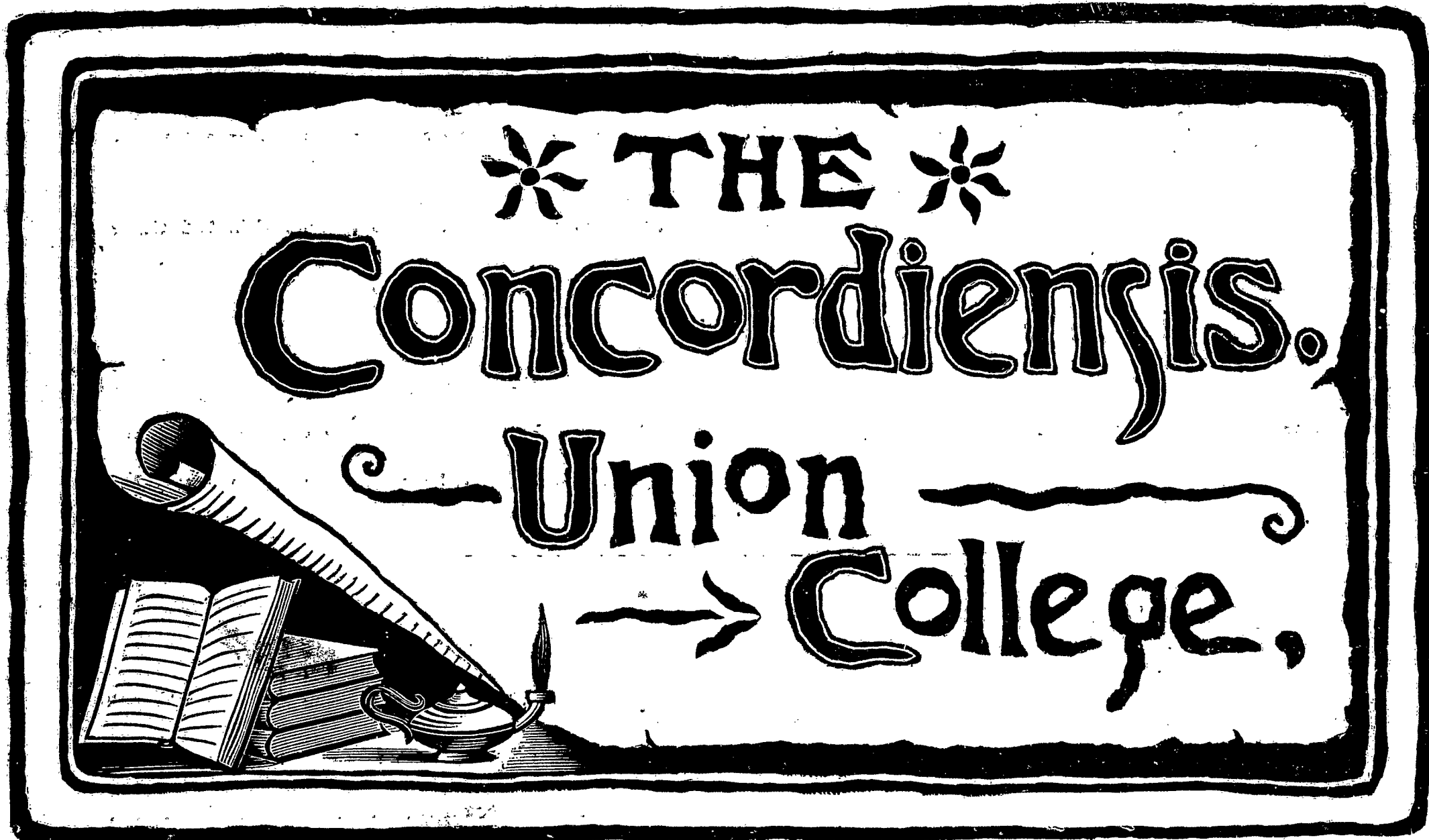


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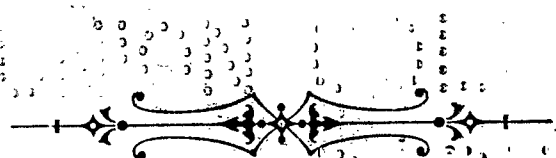


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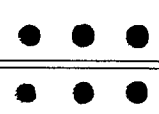
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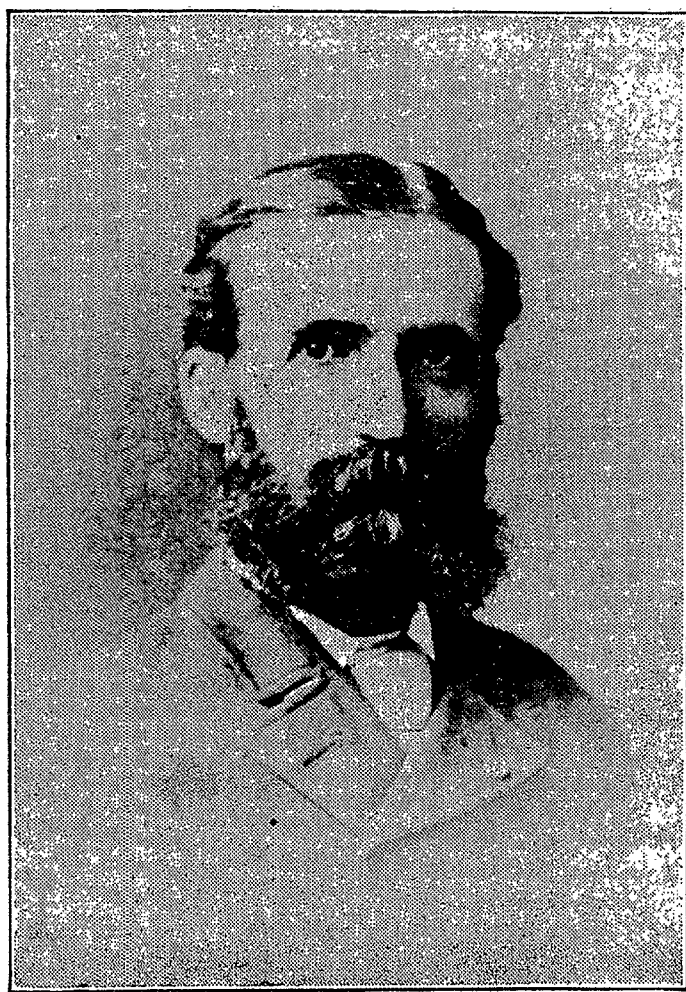


# THE CONCORDIENSIS.

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No. 1.

## Biographies of Our Trustees.



CHARLES E. SPRAGUE, PH. D.

Rarely is the writer of biography called upon to sketch the life of a man of more marked characteristics, and of more numerous accomplishments, than the subject of our present article, Col. Chas. E. Sprague. A linguistic genius, able to command the chief languages of ancient or modern Europe for philosophical or literary uses, one of the most expert accountants in the United States, the responsible head of a great financial institution, veteran of the late war of the rebellion, and prominent in the social circles of New York, Col. Sprague combines the qualities of the scholar, the financier, the patriot and the gentleman.

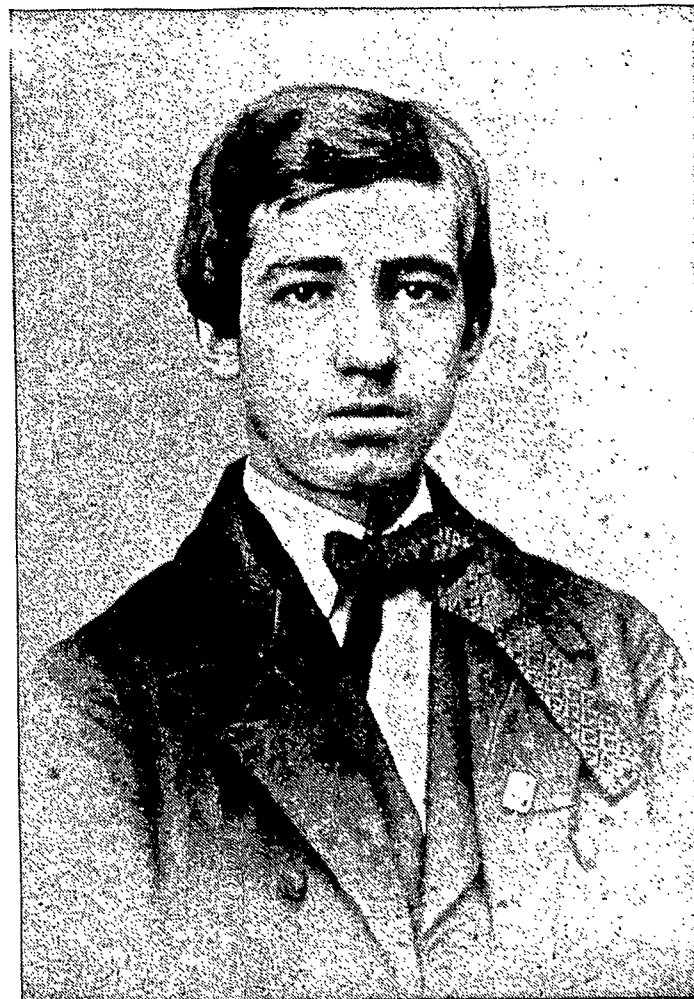
Col. Sprague was born in Nassau, N. Y., October 9th, 1842. He prepared for college chiefly by his own efforts and has the distinction of being the youngest student ever admitted to Union, or possibly to any prominent college—thirteen years the records show. He was graduated in 1860 with high honors. While in college he joined the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, and upon graduation was elected to the honorary society of Phi Beta Kappa. He held the Nott prize scholarship, and read an original Greek poem at the Commencement exercises

of his class. In June, 1893, Union College bestowed upon him the degree of Ph. D.

He enlisted early in the war, and served in the 44th N. Y. (People's Elsworth) Regt., in the famous "Dan. Butterfield" brigade. At the second day of Gettysburg, he received a wound from which he has never fully recovered. He was considered by the surgeons too far gone for amputation; the result being the saving of the almost useless arm. But he carried away from the battle a shattered shoulder, the discomfort of which he patiently bears—a daily tribute of suffering, so modestly endured, few suspect the hero. Though only a sergeant when wounded, his bravery won him a brevet commission as colonel, which he received from Gov. Fenton.

In 1870, Col Sprague entered the Union Dime Savings Institution of New York as the junior clerk. He became Secretary in 1878, Treasurer in 1891, and President in 1892.

While in college he acquired a knowledge of Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French, German and Spanish; the study of which, and many other languages, he has continued since his graduation. The *Atlantis* a



newspaper published in the Greek language, recently contained a graceful letter from Dr. Sprague in that tongue. At the challenge of David Dudley

Field he translated, off-hand, a quotation from Tasso out of the original Italian into Volapük; and at the Paris Exposition he addressed an audience in English, French, German, Italian and Volapük.

He was the first student of Volapük in this country; is President of the North American Volapük Association, United States member of the International Volapük Academy; author of the recognized standard English Grammar and Dictionary of Volapük; Treasurer of the National Spelling Reform Association; and he has taken much interest in educational movements generally.

The social side of his life is prominently shown by membership in the Loyal Legion, Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of the Revolution, Sons of Veterans and Twelfth Regiment Veterans. He is also a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Club of New York, and is Member-at-large of the Executive Council of Alpha Delta Phi; he is treasurer of the Union Centennial Committee, and is a member of the Executive Committee of the New York Alumni Association of Union College.

He was elected Alumnus Trustee of Union College at the Commencement of 1894.

### The College Y. M. C. A.

Considering the short time that has elapsed since our association was organized there is everything to encourage its progress. It was about the middle of the last collegiate year before we had a Y. M. C. A., yet this year a goodly number have already identified themselves as members.

That the association is alive and active was evidenced by the large delegation that it sent to Northfield this summer. The only thing to be regretted is that the whole association did not go. No one can go to the students' conference there without coming away feeling that the perfecting of Christian character is the greatest and chief thing in life, and that knowledge is nothing without that character behind it.

Let not the members of the delegation be unfaithful to their charge but endeavor to bring to Union some of Northfield or at least some of that Christian spirit which they found there.

For those who would be devoted to their own and others' best good there is here in college every opportunity. Let not these opportunities pass without receiving from them all they have to give. By joining the association we are placing ourselves in line with opportunities which, if properly used, will help us and enable us to be helpful to others.

To study the truth as it is in Christ, and to develop Christian character ought to be the ruling principles in all our thought and action. In short, this is the great purpose of the Inter-collegiate Y.

M. C. A. movement, and thus far it is accomplishing its purpose in a wonderful degree. If there is any doubt as to what the Y. M. C. A. is doing in our American colleges, go to Northfield. To say the least, it is inspiring to see how young men, representatives of our colleges, gladly give their lives to the service of Christ. These young men have not all the same profession in view, but are representatives of every department of life's work. Whatever vocation they follow their purpose is to exemplify the life of Christ. Since the intellectual life of our country is so largely controlled by the colleges it is important that they be pure fountains sending forth streams of refining influence into every channel of the nation's thought.

It is expected that S. M. Sayford, the college evangelist, will visit us this fall or winter. Let it be our earnest prayer that his stay here may be a means of helpfulness to us. We hope Union will be behind in no degree in absorbing the spirit of this Y. M. C. A. movement.

As yet our association has no rooms that it can claim as its own, but we hope that by the earnest efforts of its members this embarrassment will soon be removed.

At present, meetings are held every Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, in Prof. Hoffman's room. All are cordially invited and desired to attend.

It is hoped that Bible classes will be formed and that systematic Bible reading and study will be pursued.

WILLIAM J. SANDERSON, '95.

### The Union College Musical Association.

Although the interest of the student body at the present time is for the most part centered upon foot-ball, still, there is another organization that claims the attention of the college (especially of the music loving part of it), and that is the Union College Musical Association.

During the last forty years of Union's existence, and perhaps for a still longer time, there have been formed banjo, glee and guitar clubs which have struggled a short time for existence and have then died out, only to be again revived, and again die out.

Especially has this been the case of the Glee Club, which during the latter part of the seventies and the early part of the

eighties was in quite a flourishing condition, and contained some excellent singers; but in the dark days that came later this organization was forgotten in the trying struggle for existence which the college was making.

In the renaissance that followed the inauguration of Dr. Webster, there was an earnest and partly successful attempt to reorganize the club, and thanks to the efforts of an interested few, a very fair club was formed and maintained, but the Glee Club of Union has never been equal to the clubs of Amherst, Williams, Dartmouth, and for the following reasons:

1st. The lack of a competent instructor. 2d. The lack of funds. 3d. The lack of interest in this organization shown by the undergraduates.

These three obstacles proved almost unsurmountable until the formation of the present Union College Musical Association. With the Mandolin Club it has been very different. This is entirely a new organization, and its short life has been very successful.

During the fall of 1892, by the efforts of a few students, the Mandolin Club was formed, and although much less than half the members were students of Union, still it took the name of the Union College Mandolin Club, and after a prosperous year it became evident that the new club was here to stay.

With the class of '97, J. A. O'Neill entered Union; and this was the one thing necessary to bring to the Mandolin Club the success which it merited.

Although a member of the club during the previous year Mr. O'Neill had not been able to give much time to it on account of his business, which required his careful attention, but upon his enrollment as a student in the college he immediately

proceeded to form a Mandolin Club which should be composed entirely of Union College students, and after weeks of hard labor and remarkable patience on his part a club of eighteen members was formed.

Two successful concerts were given by the Club, besides assisting at numerous affairs given by the different organizations of Schenectady, and the college was at last convinced that it possessed a Mandolin Club that was endeavoring to make itself worthy of its alma mater.

The confidence inspired by the success led to the consolidation of all the musical interests of the college under the name of the Union College Musical Association, which was formed May 8th, 1894, under a suitable constitution and with the following officers:

President, Miles Ayrault, '95; Vice-President, Scott W. Spinner, '95; Secretary, J. E. Kelly, '96; Leader, J. A. O'Neill, '97; Manager, George A. Johnston, '95.

Whether or not this will be a permanent organization the results of this college year will determine.

There is no doubt about the Mandolin Club, but a thorough reorganization of the Glee Club is necessary, and the policy of the management will be not to seek out soloists but to find men with good fair voices who are willing to give their earnest attention to the club, and who will work faithfully for its success.

If twelve such men can be found, Union College will have a Glee Club that will be second to none. If there are only eight such men in college we will still have a good club, while if, in the opinion of the management, there are not enough capable men to insure success the Glee Club will not be organized.

But there is no doubt about the matter.



There are enough good singers in college to form three good clubs if they would only be willing to devote some time to it.

An instructor will be procured to drill the club. There is need of a man who is competent and up to date, and such a one will be obtained.

The Association will open the season by giving a concert at Ballston Spa on October 5th, for which arrangements have already been completed; and, after this, the instructor for the Glee Club will be procured and the choir will get to work on a programme for the trip which will be taken about February, and which starting from Schenectady will end at Utica, having taken in all the places of importance along the way.

Now, in conclusion, the management wishes to thank the students for the interest which they displayed last year, and asks for a continuation of the same.

This organization deserves to be supported. It does not ask for subscriptions; but simply that the undergraduates will regard it as one of the important institutions of the college, and that when its annual concert comes off they will turn out to a man and attend.

GEORGE A. JOHNSTON, '95, Manager.

### Foot Ball.

Never before in the history of the institution have the prospects for foot ball been so encouraging as this fall. Heretofore, practice has never begun until after college opened, and as a result the team was hardly ever in good form until after the first few games were played; but this year Captain Brown and Manager Day have had the men at work since the fifth of September, and now they are playing as good a game as they generally did several weeks after college work be-

gan. Under the supervision of the coach, J. McN. Thompson, Princeton, '94, the men have all been doing excellent work; and at present it looks as if the team was going to eclipse all the excellent records of former years.

Ex-Captain Gregory, of last year's team, has returned, and is doing his usual good work at half-back. Capt. Brown will very likely fill the position of quarterback. He is a very valuable man in the interference, and for this reason will make an excellent man for the position. Among the other old men back are Lavery, '95, Richards, '95, Myers, '96, and Cass, '95, behind the line; while on the line are Beckwith, '96, Terry, '96, Sweetland, '97, Palmer, '97, Blodget, '97, and Willis, '97. The Freshman class has an unusual number of good foot ball men in it, and they are all showing up well. Thomas, Mc-Millan and Brown are trying for guard; Jennings, Sweetland and Vrooman for tackle, and Hildner, Haviland and Vrooman for end. Behind the line, Baker is the most promising.

Every position on the team this year is heavily contested for, and if a man makes the team he will have to work for it. Everybody seems to realize this; for the practice is becoming better every day, and everybody plays with a snap never seen before on the campus so early in the season.

A very pleasant camp on the lake is that occupied by the Psi Upsilon boys from Union University. The members of the party are Messrs. Fred and Orson Richards, Archibald Derby, Willoughby Lord Sawyer, Sandy Hill; George C. Baker, Lawrence Baker, Comstocks; Guy H. Miller, Herkimer; William G. Brown, Utica; Gifford Morgan and Marvin Herbert Strong Schenectady.—*Lake George Mirror*.



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## WELCOME TO THE FRESHMEN.

NINETY-SIX ARE REGISTERED, AND STILL  
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For the last few years it has been the lot of Old Union to boast of the largest entering class since the war. This year the proportion of increase is so large that it has become a serious question how to accommodate the men. The Faculty has been increased, but the college still wants for the much needed generous contributions of its alumni before it can work to best advantage. We need buildings and money. Who will furnish them?

The college has as good reason to be proud of the quality of the new men as of the quantity; and we hope the good work begun will continue from year to year. The students have done much toward bringing men, but the great credit is due our honored President.

The following men have registered, but the list is not yet complete. There will be over one hundred in the class:

86 S.	Herrick C. Allen,	Richford, N. Y.
90 E.	Allen B. Andrews,	Knowlesville, N. Y.
72 L. S.	Royal A. Avery,	Gloversville, N. Y.
93 E.	Harry G. Baker,	Plattsburgh, N. Y.
96 E.	M. Ralph Baker,	Plattsburgh, N. Y.
83 C.	Charles C. Ballard,	Schenectady, N. Y.
37 L. S.	Harry F. Barbour,	Ogdensburg, N. Y.
4 S.	John A. Best,	Albany, N. Y.
8 C.	Oscar S. Best,	Ogdensburg, N. Y.
71 S.	Horace M. Booth,	Schenectady, N. Y.
17 S.	Ralph Bradford,	Broadalbin, N. Y.
84 S.	Theodore B. Brown,	Schenectady, N. Y.
52 S.	Wayne R. Brown,	Schenectady, N. Y.
23 C.	Edward S. Chamberlayne,	Canisteo, N. Y.
41 S.	Frederic W. Closs,	Rose, N. Y.
3 L. S.	Thomas A. Crichton,	Wellsboro, Pa.
54 L. S.	Homer A. Crothers,	Newark, N. J.
69 S.	Francis E. Cullen,	Amsterdam, N. Y.
95 E.	Harry W. DeGraff,	Amsterdam, N. Y.

26 S.	Joseph A. Delaney,	Amsterdam, N. Y.
19 E.	Daniel H. Deyoe, Jr.,	Bacon Hill, N. Y.
42 S.	John H. Dugan,	Schoharie, N. Y.
57 S.	W. A. B. Earls,	Dansville, N. Y.
89 S.	Guy B. Edwards,	Gloversville, N. Y.
43 E.	Byron E. Failing,	Baldwinsville, N. Y.
49 S.	Horace E. Fairweather,	Charlton, N. Y.
18 E.	John M. Fake,	Bacon Hill, N. Y.
73 C.	J. Edmund Fisher,	Newark, N. J.
11 S.	William L. Fisher,	Delhi, N. Y.
70 S.	A. P. Fitz James,	Amsterdam, N. Y.
68 S.	James H. Flynn,	Lansingburg, N. Y.
44 E.	J. Irving Gayetty,	Baldwinsville, N. Y.
7 C.	Charles D. Griffith,	Ogdensburg, N. Y.
30 S.	John H. Gutman,	Albany, N. Y.
1 E.	John W. Haggart,	Gloversville, N. Y.
22 C.	Carl Hammer,	Schenectady, N. Y.
53 S.	C. Hartnagel,	Newark, N. Y.
34 L. S.	Morrison L. Haviland,	Glens Falls, N. Y.
82 S.	Clare J. Hewitt,	Elgin, Ill.
77 E.	Fred W. Hild,	Bellevue, N. Y.
27 S.	Ernest G. Hildner,	Detroit, Mich.
56 S.	George A. Holcombe,	Collinsville, Ct.
75 C.	Harvey R. Hover,	New Paltz, N. Y.
28 L. S.	Robert S. Hoxie,	Cambridge, N. Y.
59 E.	Charles G. Humphrey,	Albany, N. Y.
78 E. C.	Franklyn P. Jackson,	Schenectady, N. Y.
51 S.	Judson T. Jennings,	Albany, N. Y.
38 E.	Rolland G. Johnston,	Ogdensburg, N. Y.
21 E.	George E. Jones,	Tonawanda, N. Y.
25 E. C.	August H. Kruesi,	Schenectady, N. Y.
12 C.	Earl P. Lasher,	Gloversville, N. Y.
50 S.	Myron D. Lipes,	Central Bridge, N. Y.
5 S.	John P. Mabon,	Andes, N. Y.
65 C.	Arlington H. Mallery,	Middleburg, N. Y.
79 C.	Charles H. Mattison,	Middletown, N. Y.
48 L. S.	Willis E. Merriman,	Albany, N. Y.
77 L. S.	Robert S. McClellan,	Galena, Ill.
36 E.	Edward P. McKeefe,	Plattsburgh, N. Y.
80 E. C.	Frank McMillan,	Duanesburg, N. Y.
14 C.	Homer Nellis,	St. Johnsville, N. Y.
92 C.	Peter Nelson,	Marquette, Mich.
94 E.	William H. Passage,	Esperance, N. Y.
46 S.	George C. Perry,	Rathbone, N. Y.
47 E.	Roland E. Preston,	Hornellsville, N. Y.
74 C.	John G. Putnam,	Niskayuna, N. Y.
24 C.	Gilbert J. Raynor,	Albany, N. Y.
40 E.	William D. Reed,	Albany, N. Y.
81 S.	Charles S. Richards,	Bergen, N. Y.
91 E.	William T. Roberts,	Remnen, N. Y.
58 L. S.	Edward H. Rodgers,	Albany, N. Y.
67 S.	Edgar W. Schermerhorn,	Schenectady, N. Y.
9 L. S.	Perley P. Sheehan,	Hamilton, Ohio.
6 L. S.	Wilber E. Sheldon,	Lisbon Center, N. Y.
45 L. S.	Roger D. Sinclair,	Chicago, Ill.
64 S.	Robert L. Skinner,	Le Roy, N. Y.
55 E.	Elbert W. Sylvester,	Lyons, N. Y.

85 s.	Abel Smith,	Schenectady, N. Y.
10 s.	Francis W. Smith,	Rexford Flats, N. Y.
20 E.	Walter J. Sommer,	Tonawanda, N. Y.
88 E.	George W. Spiegel,	Saratoga, N. Y.
16 c.	Walter M. Swann,	Albany, N. Y.
29 s.	Edwin R. Sweetland,	Dryden, N. Y.
62 L. s.	Frederic E. Sturdevant,	Ithaca, N. Y.
35 c.	Malcolm G. Thomas,	Pine Plains, N. Y.
87 c.	S. G. H. Turner,	Elmira, N. Y.
31 s.	Chester H. Utter,	Albany, N. Y.
60 L. s.	Douw L. Van Derzee,	So. Bethlehem, N. Y.
2 E.	Guy Vroman,	Middleburg, N. Y.
15 c.	Charles J. Vrooman,	Albany, N. Y.
66 E.	Edwin S. Warner,	Saratoga, N. Y.
32 c.	Ernest S. Washburn,	Johnstown, N. Y.
39 s.	Walter H. Westume,	Cohoes, N. Y.
63 c.	William J. Whipple,	Gloversville, N. Y.
13 s.	Halsey E. Yates,	Lincoln, Neb.
33 s.	Peter B. Yates,	Schenectady, N. Y.
61 s.	William C. Yates,	Schenectady, N. Y.

In addition to the above, the following men have registered for the other classes:

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Charles E. Gregory, Bangall, N. Y.

SENIOR.

Henry M. Bailey, Franklyn, Tenn.

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### Laws Controlling the Management of The Concordiensis.

The attention of new students is called to the following extract from the laws controlling the management of THE CONCORDIENSIS, the selection of Editor-in-Chief, and other members of the editorial board.

EDITORIAL BOARD.

1. The selection of literary editors shall be by competition.

2. All Freshmen are eligible to the competition.

3. Registration of all competitors must be made with the editor-in-chief by December 1st, of Freshman year.

4. Original work will be required from every competitor and special work under the direction of the editor-in-chief.

5. On the basis of all work submitted, five men from among the competitors shall be selected before the following June, by a committee as hereinafter provided for.

6. The five men selected shall continue work as before, and, from among them, three shall be selected before the next succeeding June to continue until January 1st, of Junior year, at which time one shall be selected to act as senior editor-in-chief, and one to act as senior literary editor.

7. All these selections shall be made by a committee. Every committee shall consist of three members—the editor-in-chief, the literary editor and a member of the faculty. The member from the faculty shall continue in office over the same class until the final selection of editor-in-chief and literary editor in Junior year.

8. Vacancies occurring shall be filled by the committee in whose class the vacancy may occur, and at their discretion.

9. The duties of literary editor shall be assigned by the editor-in-chief.

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### Where the Faculty Spent the Summer.

The opening of college, with all its attendant bustle and excitement, and the exchange of reminiscences among the students of pleasant times in the country or at the sea shore, naturally gives rise to the question: "Where and how did the faculty spend the summer?"

In response to which THE CONCORDIENSIS takes pleasure in publishing below an account of the manner in which the gentlemen of that body recreated during the vacation.

Dr. Raymond, owing to important work in connection with the college, spent the summer in Schenectady.

Dr. Whitehorn, although intending to start out several times upon a pleasure trip, was deterred by the oppressive heat from so doing; but passed a pleasant summer at his home on college hill.

Dr. Wells passed several weeks at Block Island and Newport enjoying the sea air. The remainder of the time he passed in Schenectady.

Dr. Maurice Perkins, accompanied by Judge Landon of the Board of Trustees, made an extended trip to Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, going by boat and returning by rail through the New England States. While there, Dr. Perkins visited the famous battlefield of Louisburgh, of especial interest to him as one of his direct ancestors was second in command of the English and American forces.

Prof. Ashmore passed the entire summer at Southampton, S. I. He is very fond of sea bathing, and while there availed himself of the excellent advantages for this healthful exercise, as is evidenced by his bronzed complexion. He expresses himself as having passed a very delightful summer.

Prof. Truax spent most of the summer in the Berkshires, driving about from place to place, enjoying the beautiful scenery for which these hills are world renowned. He anticipated a trip to the White Mountains, but owing to the illness of his brother, who resides in Pittsfield, he was unable to carry out his plans in that regard.

Prof. Wright spent a month in Canada. While at Niagara Falls he met Mr. Ed. Very, an old Union man of the class of '87, and connected with the Cataract Construction Company of Niagara. Mr. Very said that he desired all Union men upon visiting Niagara Falls to call upon him, as it would give him great pleasure to explain to them the different points of interest.

Prof. Hoffman passed a quiet, pleasant and uneventful summer at his home on College hill. He is at work on another book.

Prof. Ripton, owing to college work, was unable to leave town.

Prof. Stoller, realizing the importance of physical exercise for one following a sedentary life, enjoyed two extended bicycle trips. One east to the Berkshires and another south to Scranton, Penn. He was also in Brooklyn for five days attending the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Prof. Cole sailed for Europe on July 4th, and spent a month in travel on the Continent and in England. He enjoyed his voyage greatly, and was much benefited by his European sojourn.

Geo. T. Hughes, '93, ex-Editor-in-chief of THE CONCORDIENSIS, now of the *N. Y. Mail and Express*, was on the campus one day last week.

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### OUR CALENDAR.

Sept. 28.—College meeting.  
Sept. 29.—Foot Ball. Union vs. R. P. I., at Troy.  
Sept. 29.—Philomathean Society meets.  
Sept. 29.—Adelphi Society meets.  
Oct. 2.—Christian Association meets.  
Oct. 5.—Mandolin Club Concert at Ballston.  
Oct. 6.—Foot Ball. Union vs. Cornell, at Ithaca.  
Oct. 9.—Christian Association meets.  
Oct. 10.—THE CONCORDIENSIS, Vol. 18, No. 2.  
Oct. 10.—Foot Ball. Union vs. Laureate, at Troy.

MANAGER ALLEN, of the base-ball team, says that the prospects for a strong nine next spring are very encouraging. At the present moment it looks as though all of last year's team will be back again; and in addition to this, the manager is on the track of several good players who will enter with '98.

IN ORDER that a small college be successful on athletic fields it is necessary that every man in college be an athlete. Even though you have never seen a football, apply to the manager for a suit, and help swell the ranks of the second eleven. We want twenty-two men on the campus every afternoon to line up against the 'Varsity, and give them good sharp practice. The best players who ever kicked the pig-skin, or donned a canvas jacket have been developed in this way.

ALL Freshmen who intend taking up journalism as a profession, as well as all others who are interested in literary work, should carefully read the extract from the laws controlling the management of THE CONCORDIENSIS, published in another column. It is not possible to estimate the value of the experience which a college man gains by associating himself with the college press; and we hope that the number of contestants for positions on THE CONCORDIENSIS board will be larger, this year, than ever before.

WHILE the athletes are getting in trim for the foot-ball contests this fall, the men with musical inclinations will meet for daily rehearsal in preparation for the concert season which follows close upon the wane of the foot-ball fever. Manager Johnston of the College Musical Association has contributed an article to this number in which he sets forth the recent



marked progress of the musical clubs, as well as the future aims of the association. His article should be read by all students interested in this very important branch of college organizations.

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THERE is no one thing that suggests so strongly to the public mind the fact that a college faculty is composed of live, energetic men, whose opinions and teachings are up to date, as the occasional publication of scientific and philosophical works, or the revision and edition of standard text books, by its members. And the fact that Union's faculty possesses three men who have recently produced such works with a marked degree of success, is a matter for self congratulation. Dr. Wright's text book on Mechanics, and Prof. Ashmore's "Adelphoi," are books which are already in great favor in many of our leading institutions. While the recent brilliant success of Prof. Hoffman's "Sphere of the State" has been marked by Union men with a great degree of satisfaction and pride.

THE CONCORDIENSIS will publish from time to time, short biographical sketches of the Trustees of the college. The first of the series appears in this number, and has for its subject Col. Chas. E. Sprague, President of the Union Dime Savings Institution, of New York. As a Trustee Col. Sprague is not as well known to Union men as his colleagues, having been but recently elected, and we therefore thought it advisable to accord him the first introduction to our readers.

The Nott Prize Scholarship, which it will be noticed, was held by Col. Sprague while a student in college, has not been awarded in recent years; so that the younger sons of Union will not generally understand its significance. The scholarship entitled the holder to about one hundred and fifty dollars yearly; and was awarded to that student who passed the highest entrance examination in all of the studies required for admission to the classical course. The holder was obliged to place his signature to the following pledge; and, to maintain a standing of ten per cent. throughout his course:

"One of President Nott's prize scholarships, having been, on examination, awarded to me, I hereby pledge my honor to strive to sustain the standing befitting such a distinction; and that I will avoid the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, the use of tobacco in any of its forms, and that I will not, without the consent of the President, join any secret society, as long as I shall continue to receive the avails of said scholarship."

Back in Col. Sprague's days the scholarship was held by L. Clark Seelye, now President of Smith College; Alonzo P. Strong, now a prominent Schenectady lawyer; Clark Brooks, now a New York lawyer, and Trustee of Union College; E. C. Taintor, one of the ablest men in his class—he delivered a Greek oration at graduation, and afterward became a teacher, going to China and dying there.

While in China he wrote a Greek poem which he dedicated to his old instructor, Dr. Tayler Lewis. It was published in Shanghai, China. Other holders of the Nott Prize Scholarship were Samuel L. Newbury and James Ostrom Liebenau, who fell in the late war, giving their lives for the preservation of the Union. Our own Professor Truax held the scholarship in the class of '75, and again later in the class of '76.

### Here and There.

CHARLEY FIELDS, LAWYER.

I heard Charley Fields, '93, talking politics in the Edison, the other evening. He was surrounded by a crowd of his old-time friends and admirers; and the scene recalled vividly to mind the old days—and frequently nights—when Charley used to harangue his fellow students from the top of a sugar barrel, or other convenient eminence. I succeeded in breaking him away from the all-absorbing topic, and learned that he had had a Freshman in tow all day, which explained his presence in Dorp. Fields is studying law, or, to use his own words, thinks he is, in the office of a prominent lawyer in the western part of the State.

WAYNE COUNTY TO THE FRONT.

I was favored with a letter the other day, from Baggerly, '94, ex-Business Manager of THE CONCORDIENSIS, and ex-President of the Wayne County Club. He wishes the new board all success in their editorial duties, and expects to hear great things of Union on the "gridiron" this fall. He gives us the benefit of his experience as an amateur journalist in the way of some timely advice, which it would be well for any editor to paste in his hat, for easy and frequent reference. Baggerly's cry is for "news"; the more the better. He is 'way out in "Frisco" working as reporter on the *Call*, which is, perhaps, the best newspaper on the Pacific coast. He says his position is a good one and pays well. Long live the Earl!

A LOYAL ALUMNUS.

The Rev. J. H. Hoyt, '73, pastor of the Congregational church of New Canaan, Conn., came up from Albany on the three o'clock train one day last week, and, unsolicited, drew two dollars from his pocket which he handed me as his subscription to THE CONCORDIENSIS. His is an example that many of our alumni might well follow. It glad-

dens the heart of the editor and makes life worth living when subscriptions come in in that way. Mr. Hoyt comes from a district where Yale men are as thick as huckleberries; and where one hardly dares to breathe unless it be for Old Ely; yet his enthusiasm for Union was never stronger, and he rejoices in the present era of prosperity which the inauguration of President Raymond has opened for us. Mr. Hoyt is a member of the Kappa Alpha Society.

THE OLD, OLD STORY.

Richards, '95, who has been putting up some pretty steady foot ball practice since the fifth, was lunching in Dobermann's, and told a little story illustrating the uncommon freshness of some men, and the serene composure with which Captain Brown deals with all cases of big head. The candidates for the eleven were lined up on the campus and were going through with the every-day practice, with one of the new men—Freshman of course—who may have been high mucky muck in prep. school, and who may yet be one of our own idolized lions, moulding sentiment and swaying opinion—but that will be after he learns that there are others who have been here before him, and who have defended the honor of the garnet before he was heard of, and hence, by right of priority, are entitled to that respect which he may in due time claim for himself. Captain Brown, as is his custom, had played this particular Freshman in different positions each day until he became so rattled that the casual observer might have thought he had never seen the game. Going up to Brown he demanded in the most indignant tones: "Say Brown, I'd like to know where I'm going to play on this team, anyway." Brown was just about to give the signal for the next play. He didn't. He looked at that Freshman, while that bland smile, so characteristic of him, spread itself over his features, and replied, in his most amiable way: "Well, my dear fellow, so would I."

### Prof. Hoffman's New Book.

No book of recent publication has more successfully run the gauntlet of the critics than Prof. Hoffman's "Sphere of the State." The following review of the book from the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette* is a sample of the press criticisms that have appeared from time to time.

"A very valuable work on a highly important subject is that of Frank Sargeant Hoffman, A. M., Professor of Philosophy in Union College. It is an expansion of a series of lectures delivered to the Senior class of Union College, in the spring of 1893. The volume as published gives special consideration to certain problems of the present day. It is in keeping with the theory of modern educators

that the humanities should receive a much larger share of attention in a liberal education than has ever before been given them in the college curricula in this country. It harmonizes also with the university extension idea, which is finding so warm a place in the world's greatest minds and biggest hearts, and in which the press and the rostrum supplement each other so grandly.

"Very properly the author sets out with an essay on the 'True Conception of the State.' Simplicity, clearness, directness, conciseness and completeness characterize his treatment of whatever branch of his subject he takes up. This is saying a great deal. I can say still more. I can testify that he treats his subject from the standpoint of a judge, and not from that of an advocate—that so far from handling questions in a partisan spirit, he deals with them after the broad manner of a cosmopolitan. Having set forth the 'True Conception of a State,' in its broadest sense, he proceeds to show the relation of the State to the Government, then passes on to a discussion of the relations between the State and education, corporations, transportation, taxation, criminals, money, pauperism, and so on.

"One of the most interesting chapters is that on 'The Government of Cities.' Scarcely less important are those on 'Corporations and their Place in the State,' the 'Treatment of Criminals,' 'The State and the Church,' and 'The State and its Relation to Other States.' In all these discussions there is a refreshing absence of dogmatism, a certain admirable way of looking at all the phases of a subject in order to scan it from every possible point of view, and to exhibit all theories on the subject, however divergent, with equal fairness.

"His lecture on the 'Government of Cities' treats the subject philosophically. He holds in that lecture that misgovernment in our cities is directly due to a radical fault in our system. That change, in his opinion, can only be brought about by putting municipal governments in the same relation to the State as that of the States to the Federal Government. About all the evils in the deplorable misgovernment of cities in the United States he maintains is the natural result of subjecting them to a change of the city charter with every accession of a party from out of power into power. A permanent lease of government functions, within reasonable limits, granted to cities—a limited autonomy, but a permanent one, within its own power to modify or change—all this would work wonders of reform. As it is, schemers, relying on State legislation, are able to make cities the prey of corporation sharks, and the victim of no end of personal legislation. The book is timely and is up to the present time."

### Changes in the Faculty.

Not alone among the students have there been changes, familiar faces disappearing and new ones coming to take their places, but the Faculty also has been materially altered during the past summer. The increasing number of students demands a larger force of instructors and the addition of new courses of study has made necessary some changes.

Professor Ripton, the Dean, who has so long and excellently filled the chair of mathematics has been transferred to a chair of history and sociology. His successor in the mathematical department cannot be announced as yet, and until next term Prof. Ripton will divide his time between mathematics and his other subjects. Mr. Wm. Updyke, a graduate of Williams College, has been appointed instructor in mathematics.

Prof. Olin H. Landreth, Union, '76, has assumed his position as head of the Engineering department. Prof. Landreth was elected to this position last winter when Prof. Brown resigned; but being then unable to assume active duties the chair was temporarily filled by Prof. Kirkpatrick of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. Prof. Landreth has been at the head of the engineering department of Vanderbilt for fifteen years. Mr. Elton D. Walker, a graduate of the School of Technology, Boston, and for some time instructor there, has been chosen as Prof. Landreth's second assistant.

Mr. Burke, Union, '93, has resigned his position as instructor in the English department; his place has not yet been filled, but before long some one will be chosen to assist in the Classical and English department.

Dr. Linhart will be instructor in physiology as well as in physical culture and hygiene.

### Local and Personal.

Cragen, '97, will enter '98 next spring.

E. McP. Ames, '96, returns to Union this fall.

Bullard, '97, will not return to college this fall.

F. Klein, '95, spent the summer at Canada lake.

C. A. Dann, '97, has entered Syracuse University.

Hoxie, '98, is a brother of George H. Hoxie, '93.

Slocum and Cooper, '97, spent their vacations in Dorp.

O. J. Dempster, '97, is studying law in a Syracuse office.

G. A. Johnston, '95, spent the summer at Palatine Bridge.

B. Van Deusen, '95, has returned after a year out of college.

W. J. Renwick, '96, enters Albany Medical College this fall.

White, '94, is studying law with his brother in Amsterdam.

J. A. O'Neill, '97, enters the Albany Medical College this week.

Z. L. Myers, '96, had an attack of typhoid fever during vacation.

George Coe Merriman, '96, has entered the Albany Medical College.

Leonard, '97, has a good position in the office of the General Electric Co.

S. B. Brown, '97, was employed during vacation in a law office at Gloversville.

R. D. Fuller, '97, was engaged in the law offices of B. E. Williams, Albion, N. Y.

J. O. Reynolds, '94, is assisting Ham and Tuttle, engineers of Naugatuck, Conn.

Charles Loehenstein, '94, spent a portion of his vacation at Duluth, Minnesota.

F. B. Boss, '97, has not been well all summer, and will not resume college work for a while.

Hubert H. Brown, Lafayette, '97, enters the Sophomore class at Union in classical course.

McEwen, '95, spent the summer working in the office of his father, Walter McEwen of Albany.

E. A. Sommers has been superintending the construction of water works at Coxsackie, N. Y.

E. S. Chamberlayne, '97, who was laid aside by sickness early in the last college year has returned.

C. E. Gordon, '96, has been doing some missionary work this summer—selling teachers' Bibles.

The Freshman classes in Latin will read Books I and II of Livy instead of XXI and XXII as formerly.

F. M. Eames, '95, has been exercising his photographic taste in and about Albany during the summer.

A. M. Blodgett, '97, rushed the book business so hard this year that he was late in returning to Union.

J. S. Cotton, '97, returned to college apparently no worse for having passed through an attack of typhoid.

C. W. Fields, '93, made a short visit on the hill on his way to the Republican State Convention in Saratoga.

A. G. Sommers has been working for Banally & Snow, city engineers of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda.

Sinclair, '97, is in Chicago, taking a course in a Commercial school, preparatory to entering the lumber business.

The Senior class receive two additions this fall from Vanderbilt University, Henry M. Bailey and Howard M. Jones.

E. Sweetland, who visited his brother, George J. Sweetland, '97, at Union last year, has entered '98. Another athlete.

Geo. E. Pollock, '96, after canvassing all summer, made a flying visit home on



Wednesday before resuming his college work.

The Philomathean Debating Society's room has been much improved in appearance by the re-papering done during vacation.

O. C. Richards, '95, who last year attended the Law School of Applied Mechanics at Cleveland, Ohio, has returned to Union.

F. Packard Palmer, '97, thinks there is no place equal to the islands of the St. Lawrence or the Great Lakes of the northern boundary.

A letter from C. R. Smith, '94, is postmarked Decatur, Ind., and indicates the name of the hotel at which he is stopping as "The Burt."

Harry P. Willis, '87, who was, during the last term, appointed assistant city engineer at Hornellsville, N. Y., resumes his work at Union this fall.

Glenn M. Scofield, '96, spent the summer with his brother, who is city engineer of Cleveland, Ohio. Lyman M. Scofield, '96, remained in Schenectady.

R. B. Beattie spent the summer at his home in Middletown. He has been catching for the New York State Homeopathic Asylum base ball team.

J. E. Fisher, '97, spent the summer at Cambridge and Lake Lauderdale. He spins many a yarn about the fine fishing and hunting in that vicinity.

Miles Ayrault, '95, A. G. Sommers, '96, M. D. Fish, '90, and Dow Vrooman, '87, attended the Beta Theta Pi National Convention at Niagara, August 24-29.

W. E. Walker, '95, was one of forty Schenectady young men who spent their summer at Ballston lake. He reports having had a delightful time.

Charles G. McMullen, '97, spent a few delightful weeks among the Berkshire

hills. The rest of his vacation was divided between Schenectady and Ballston lake.

W. H. Hall and Dan L. Wood, of '96, canvassed the towns and vicinity of Albion and Medina. Wood concluded his vacation by a visit to his family at Mansfield, Pa.

H. J. Hemstreet, '97, who was compelled by sickness to leave college in June, has been confined to the house all summer, and is only now able to get around on crutches.

Harry T. Warnick, '95, is reported as having spent most of the summer at Sacandaga Park. His happy face would indicate that the summer spent there was enjoyable indeed.

Pershing, '97, seems to have captured the 1894 pennant for book canvassing. He has had a most successful season, and returns with some of that success invested in a fine Warwick bicycle.

W. A. Johnston, '95, spent the greater portion of the summer at Sharon Springs. He reports having had a pleasant summer, though the waters of this far famed resort proved too strong a tonic for him.

Arthur E. Barnes, '95, J. Edward Walker, '95; William Allen, '95; N. Irving Schermerhorn, '95; F. E. Holleran, '95; G. McKief, '96 and Fred Closs, '98, were among the Union students who attended the Republican Convention in Saratoga, September 18.

Clarke Day, '95, states that while he has been very busy during the summer making final arrangements for the football season, yet he has found opportunity to spend considerable time with the fair summer girls that haunt the lake near his native village, Cambridge. He also has had occasion to spend a few days in Schenectady and Troy.

Howard D. Craver, '96, says that he knows Chicago like a book, having spent two months of his vacation there. He is quite an expert bicyclist, and by means of his wheel was able to visit the most remote districts of that wicked city.

Hubbell Robinson, '97, spent most of the summer at Bennington, Vt., among relatives and friends. Frequent shooting excursions over to Lake George and Saratoga added variety to the most delightful summer outing.

George L. Streeter, '95, remained quietly at home at Johnstown. He needed rest after the exacting labors of last year and Johnstown proved just the place in which to recuperate, as is shown by the healthy glow of his well tanned face.

The Schenectady *Daily Union* of the 17th inst. contains this item:

"At the games of the Amateur Athletic Union at Travers Island, New York, on Saturday, the half-mile run was won by Charles Kilpatrick, of Union, who led all the way. Time, 1:55 4-5. Kilpatrick has now the highest record of any amateur in the country."



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Howard Pemberton, 2d, '95, has had a most eventful summer. Early in July he left for Deer Trail, Col., firm in his determination to down the fleetest antelope in the entire west. He knows all about bucking broncos and became well acquainted with several dark and dusky maidens of the plains. We are all glad to see that he still retains his natural hair, a sure indication that he must have instilled fear into the heart of the red man.

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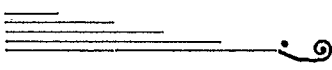
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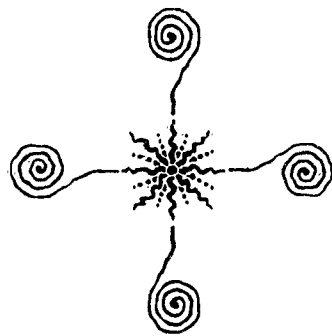
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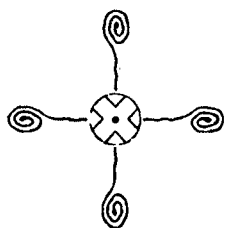
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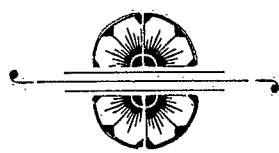
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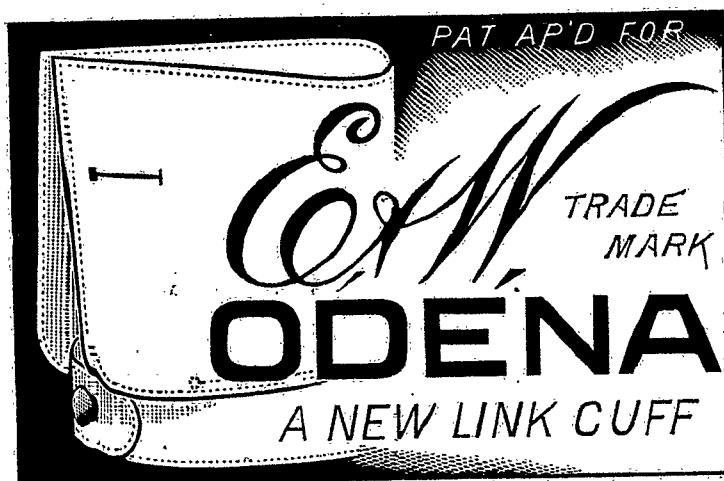
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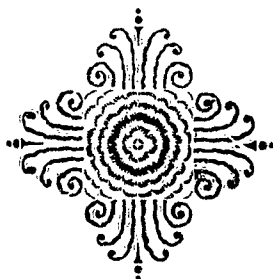
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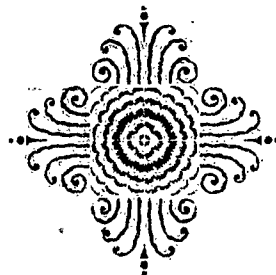
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