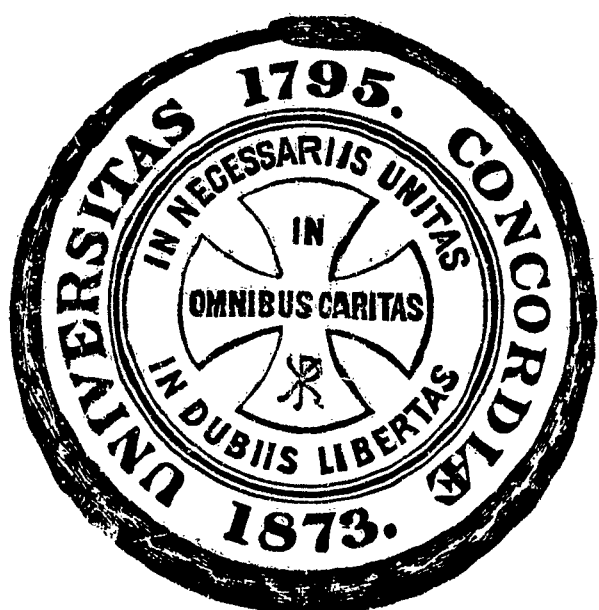


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FIRST UNIVERSITY BANQUET.

A Good Time for Those Who Went—Good Cheer and Better Speeches.

It was a merry assembly of Union under-graduates and members of the university faculty that gathered in the dining hall of the Hotel Edison, Friday evening, March 11, and joined hands in making the first university banquet one of the most successful events of the year.

At ten o'clock grace was said by Dr. Wells, and the guests immediately began to discuss the excellent menu prepared by mine host Brown. The college quartette, composed of Gutmann, '98, Eames, '99, Greene, '99, and Wiley, '99, enlivened the occasion with numerous songs, while the students found time between the courses to sing the college songs and cheer themselves hoarse. The college yells were given for "Prexy," for faculty members and for the speakers of the evening, and the walls re-echoed with a loud "George Washington." College spirit was at its height and all hearts were stirred with enthusiasm and patriotism by the vigorous singing of "America" and "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean." A cheer for Spain was met with hisses, while cheers for McKinley and Free Cuba received hearty applause.

About 130 banqueters occupied the four long tables arranged in the form of the letter E, extending the full length of the dining hall. At the head sat the toast-master, Frederic Waldorf Hild, '98, the speakers of the evening and members of the faculty. The room was prettily decorated with American and college flags. From the ceiling were suspended pennants won by the college teams, and small garnet flags were tastily arranged about the chandeliers.

Large delegations were present from the Medical college, the Law school and the School of Pharmacy, who entered into the spirit of the evening and contributed their full share of Union enthusiasm. Among the members of the faculty present were Professors Wells and Ashmore and Instructors Bennett and Opdyke. A few alumni came also to receive a new infusion of college spirit. Among them were Dr. Pearson, W. G. Brown, '95, Lee Case, Wm. F. Cromer and Frank Cooper.

It was just twelve o'clock when the toast-master arose and after a short address of welcome, announced the first speaker of the evening, President A. V. V. Raymond, who responded to the toast "Alma Mater."

A hearty cheer was given for Dr. Raymond as he arose, and it was some moments before quiet was restored. The speaker said that he had attended a great many college dinners, but never before had he attended one in which he was so conscious of the atmosphere of under-graduate life, and that the spirit shown was quite distinctive of Union university. Our fellowship is something broader and deeper than that of the class-room he said. Mutual respect and confidence have made it possible for the university to come together, and occasions like this give promise of benefit to all departments. Whatever tends to bring the university together will broaden all departments, so that the name of Union will have a fuller and a bolder ring. College spirit is nourished by the story of the past, not by the enthusiasm that bursts out in cheers today and is gone tomorrow; it is a spirit of devotion, resistless and unconquerable, that will hold a man to his work whatever it is. He said that he had come to appreciate that enthusiasm that does not tire out easily, and does not become so hoarse that it cannot do a little shouting. Union college is now passing through a transitional period. A forward movement is now under way, and everything depends upon the devotion of Union men. If the spirit that has been manifested during the past few years will but continue, the brightest day that Union college has ever seen will soon dawn. Nothing can have more weight with the alumni than the life exhibited on the hill. Every evidence of college ideals paves the way for practical support to the institution. The college of the present is charged with a special responsibility in the work immediately before us, the result of which will be made to the students on the hill who have stood nobly by Old Union.

After the applause had subsided, toast-master Hild arose and said that the evening would be very incomplete without the presence of Dr. Wells, who had watched life on the hill for 35 years, and announced that he would respond to the toast "Reminiscences."

Dr. Wells said that he never sympathized with Rip Van Winkle as he did that night. He had

never been of a retiring disposition; it had always been a pleasure to meet with the boys, so he thought that tonight he would follow the example of old Rip and take one more drop. There is no more inspiring spot, said the speaker, that is filled with so many reminiscences. When he first came to Schenectady it had the reputation of being the deadest town on earth, and the Gibbons House was its center of gravity. It was said that the old bridge was built of beams that came out of the ark, which had really come to a rest on the Heldebergs and not on Mount Ararat as commonly supposed. And since Dr. Warren of Boston, has taken the position that paradise was situated at the north pole, and another author has discovered that Dutch was the language of the Garden of Eden, those who had suggested that the ark grounded on the Heldebergs did not go far astray. Dr. Wells was once asked what order of architecture was in the college buildings, and he replied that they were of a composite order. The barracks were of the English order; the colonades, Italian; Nott Memorial Hall, Oriental; and the Red Building, Gothic. He said that Dr. Nott would allow no trees to be planted in front of the buildings, so that passengers passing through the city would be awed by the structure of the buildings. He wanted nothing to shut off the view of the grounds from the valley, but the grand old elms placed in long rows elsewhere about the grounds are each one a monument to Dr. Nott. When we sing the "Song to Old Union," we slow down at the line where "Her walls grow gray" with a spirit of reverence as if to let them grow a little grayer, but, said the professor, the walls have not grown gray, they were born gray. The walls were first covered with gray hair, but that has all worn away and now she has to wear a wig. Dr. Wells closed his remarks by giving a detailed account of the genesis of the "Song to Old Union," which was written by Fitzhugh Ludlow at the request of Dr. Nott.

The next speaker was William Hailes, M. D., of the Medical department, who was introduced as a silver-tongued orator. Dr. Hailes responded to the toast, "The Medical College," in a very characteristic manner. He said that the college boys were not a circumstance to the Medics, that the boys on the hill were far more gentle. He did not feel strange or out of place, as might be expected, for he saw "Prexy" on all official occasions at Albany, and his presence here made him feel comfortable. He declared that the Medical was getting along swimmingly. They had found demonstration to be the best method of instruction, and he described their advantages in the way of X-Ray and electric projecting apparatus, which had lately

been added to their equipment. Dr. Hailes was frequently interrupted by laughter and applause.

Joseph A. Lawson, of Albany, was introduced as the next speaker, after the quartette had rendered a pleasing selection. He responded to "The Law School," and prefaced his remarks by saying that the request of the toast-master, to tell all he knew about law was typical of the average under-graduate. He said that although he had not had the benefits of a college education, yet Union college occupied a high place in his regard. Speaking of the Law school, he declared that the branch of the university that he represented was not child's play. It is not the province of the Law school to impart a historical knowledge of the law. Its aim during the past few years has been to prepare men for admission to the bar. He said that the professors were not overcrowded and urged all the under graduates to take up a course in the Albany Law school. During his remarks he praised the abilities of "Father" Brown and paid a glowing tribute to Dr. Raymond.

Dr. Willis G. Tucker, of Albany, who was to have spoken on "The School of Pharmacy" was unfortunately called away earlier in the evening and his toast was passed over.

W. G. Brown, '95, well known on the hill as "Father" Brown, captain of the foot-ball team during his senior year and one of the most popular men on the hill during his college days, was the next speaker. He responded in an able manner to the toast "The University." He said that his presence was but a feeble indication of the pleasure he took in being there. It was with pride that he saw the teams of Union college bring back laurels from other fields, as he used to help them do when he was in college. The history of Union college, said the speaker, is the biography of Dr. Nott. The history of nations is the biographies of a few great men. The future history of Union college will be the history of Dr. Raymond and a few men, who are bending their energies to the institution they represent, and not to the individual. Union college, he said, may she ever be right, but right or wrong, Union college! Greater facilities for the study of political and social science have recently been added to the curriculum. It is the mission of Union college to develop men for grave responsibilities. Our hope for the future is not based solely on a glorious past. A sound financial basis is in store for the college. We have a young and vigorous faculty, and a president with the learning and culture of all the presidents beginning with Nott and ending with Webster. We are the most vigorous body of men that have ever given tone to life on the hill. We owe everything

to our Alma Mater. What she shall be depends upon us. Union college is meeting her Trafalgar Dr. Raymond is the Admiral Nelson, and he holds aloft the garnet flag, and expects every man to do his duty.

In the absence of A. J. Dillingham, Instructor Bennett responded to an impromptu toast on "Athletics." He thought that the chief desideration of a speaker is to have something to say, and second, having something to say, to say it, and lastly, having something to say, to say it, and say it as quickly as possible. Athletics, to the mind of the speaker, owing to faculty affiliations no doubt, consists chiefly of golf, the delights of which he described in his usual humorous manner.

Rollin A. Kirkpatrick, Medical, '98, was to have responded to the toast, "Woman," but in his absence, she had an excellent exponent in the person of Mr. Dawson of the Law department. It was the sentiment of the speaker that if there is anything to be admired more than an honest man it is a noble woman. And this sentiment was adopted by all with tumultuous applause.

Stanley Shepard, A. B. '98, of the Law school, toasted "Man." He said that he could see two reasons why a law student should be assigned this subject: First, because he is supposed to understand better than anything else, and second, because a lawyer is utterly incapable of understanding woman. He made an ingenious classification of man under the heads of the numerals. Some, he said, are like the figure 1, a variation at the base for a firm footing, and the same size all the way up. Some are like the figures 7 and 9, all top. Some are like the numeral 8, evenly balanced. Occasionally one is found like the cipher. Drop him, he will roll. Women generally marry those who have characteristics opposite to themselves; thus the figure 10 suggests a slim man with a stout wife. Men may be classified according to their characteristics. They are foolish in some respects, especially in falling in love. Some are conceited, typical of the college men, who go out into the world with the idea that they know everything. Then, there is the ambitious man, characterized in the law student, and so on indefinitely.

Francis E. Cullen, '98, responded to the last toast of the evening, "Our Banquet." In an eloquent and forceable manner, the speaker said, "We have a motive here, other than the mere enjoyment of a feast. That principle which we hold most dear, has prospered many an enterprise, the principle of Union. In union there is strength, in separation weakness. It was this principle that prompted the erection of a monument in honor of the sailors who went down with the Maine. (Ap-

plause.) It is the principle that binds the students and university together. We have felt with gratification the effects of the co-operation of the Albany departments in foot-ball and base-ball, but this banquet means something more tangible than our former efforts to unite all branches of the institution together." He closed his remarks with the hope that this closer relationship may ever exist and bind together all the departments of the university.

The committee of arrangements were Frederic Hild, '98, Charles Griffith '98, James Vander Veer, '99, and W. Francis, 1900, to whom all honor is due for their untiring energy in making the banquet a success.

What Secretary Goodman Said.

State Y. M. C. A. Secretary Goodman, visited the college on Monday and in the afternoon addressed the Y. M. C. A. He said in part:

What shall I say to you, I do not wish to tell you about the Y. M. C. A. or its work. That would be largely superfluous and, instead, I wish to give a message from the Word that has been a blessing to many. This is an age of earnestness. More than ever before has the man of one idea been the successful; and the best treatise on this earnestness is the Epistle to the Romans. In one of the verses of the twelfth chapter, the three elements of the earnestness of a successful purpose are noted. To carry through a project, a man must have the spirit of business and this is what St. Paul means when he says "not slothful in diligence." Then follows naturally, "fervent in spirit," the energy which moves, and "serving the Lord," the direction of the motion. This combination serves all men who accomplish anything. Men who have seen much of John R. Mott ask "Does he never smile?" As a matter of fact, Mr. Mott does smile, but the terrible earnestness that is generally in his face has been caused by his great and persistent longing to unite the students of the world in a Christian bond. This was for years his purpose before he accomplished it, and it is just that earnestness that is adding new national unions to the world's federation. In my short life, I have seen men rise from obscurity to exalted positions in the land and then go entirely to pieces. It doesn't pay. The abiding strength that keeps us steadfast no man can be without and be successful; and that strength is freely offered to all.

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THE probabilities are that by the time this appears, the Garnet will be on sale and ready for delivery. The board of editors have made unusual efforts this year and have achieved unusual results. The book should find a place in the home of every student, should be subscribed to the last number, as undoubtedly it will be. The literary and art departments have received especial attention and far surpass those of all previous annuals. It will be a splendid means of introducing prospective neophytes to the intellectual life of Old Union.

WITH the general jollity of passed-up examinations, the men should carry also a purpose or two when they drift home next week, to wit: (1) to see all the husky big football players in their respec-

tive counties and to gain all the legitimate information possible concerning them; (2) to induce those who intend going to college to make that college Union.

You see there are two things militating against our alma mater's having as good teams as some certain other minor colleges. These are the high requirements for admission, and the high requirements demanded after one has gained admission. And while this state of affairs brings to our gate any quantity of the 2:30 A. M. class, it isn't always attractive at first shot to the man whose natural bent is toward pig skin rather than that of the sheep.

This is why it is so imperative that every man should feel it his duty to preach sermons on higher education and Union as a means thereof, to every broad shouldered sub-freshmen in his bailiwick. The committee recently appointed to assist Captain Smith in securing recruits shouldn't be expected to do everything. It is proper that each man should feel to a degree responsible for the welfare of next year's team and to lend a helping voice.

WE have heard divers opinions passed upon the recent university banquet, all of them emanating evidently from men in a position to know whereof they spoke. And although it has been the time-honored policy of this paper to agree with everybody in everything, we feel constrained for this once to take sides and come out flat-footed for the sound banquet platform for '99 ably set forth in the following communication:

Dear Editor Concordiensis:

I respectfully submit the following platform for next university banquet: Fewer speeches, shorter speeches, shorter stories, newer stories, cleaner stories, less Faculty,—all without intent to disparage but with a view to a better time.

Yours truly,

INCONSTANT READER.

That our correspondent is a man of sense is evidenced by *his nom de plume*. That his views jibe with those of many others cannot be doubted. May his platform be adopted!

The fact should not be lost sight of, however, that with all its faults, and they were not so

numerous, the banquet was a concrete expression of what has been heretofore, so far as the students themselves are concerned, but little more than a mere abstraction. The benefits that will result from it are as manifold as immeasurable. And to the promoters of the affair and to the committee that did so much toward its successful consummation the university owes a vote of thanks. The banquet should have a date all to itself on the college calendar.

New Books Recently Received.

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

"The Jesuit Relations, and Allied Documents," edited by R. G. Thwaites, vols. 13 and 14; "77th Annual Report of Mercantile Library of N. Y., 1897;" "52d Annual Report of St. Louis Mercantile Library Association;" "Bibliography of Metals of the Platinum Group," (Smithsonian Misc. Collections); "Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science," 30 vols., and 28 extra vols.; "The United States of America," 2 vols., Nathaniel S. Shaler; "Congressional Government" and "The State," Woodrow Wilson; "Old Virginia and Her Neighbors," 2 vols., John Fiske; "Ancient Society," Lewis H. Morgan; "Socialism and the American Spirit," Nicholas P. Gilman; "The American Race," Daniel G. Brinton; "The Origin of the Aryans," Isaac Taylor; "North Americans of Antiquity," John T. Short; "The Communistic Societies of the United States," Charles Nordhoff; "1st, 2nd, and 3rd Annual Reports of the State Commission in Lunacy."

The following books, part of the Class of '98 appropriation, have also been received: "The Ancient City," Fustel de Coulanges; "The Evolution of Marriage," Ch. Letourneau; "Introduction to Social Philosophy," John S. MacKenzie; "The Aryan Household," William E. Hearn; "The History of Human Marriage," Edward Westermarck; "N. Y. State Commission in Lunacy Reports for 1889, '90, '91;" "N. Y. State Senate and Assembly Documents for 1897;" "New American Supplement of Encyclopedia," vol. 5; "High Pressure Steam," Babcock & Wilcox Co.; "Facts," Babcock & Wilcox Co.; "Dietary Studies in New York City in 1895 and 1896," (U. S. Department of Agriculture); "Statistical Abstract of the United States," (20th number); "Library Bulletin

of U. S. Department of Agriculture, February, 1898;" "Address on Commodore Vanderbilt," Chauncey M. Depew; "The Soteriology of Jesus," K. S. Guthrie; "The Philosophy of Plotinus," K. S. Guthrie; "Translations and Reprints from Original Sources of European History," (Merrick Whitcomb, ed.); "Part XXIII of Report of U. S. Commissioner of Fisheries;" "The Making of Manhood," W. J. Dawson; "Report for 1897 of the Meeting of North Central Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools," "An Act in Relation to Education, ch. xxii of General Laws of N. Y. State;" "Principles and Methods in Vital Art Education," John Ward Stimson; "Field Columbian Contributions to the Coastal and Spain Flora of Yucatan;" "Klassen und Urdnungen des Thier-Reichs," vols. iii, iv, vi, H. G. Brown; "The Old and Middle English," T. L. Kingston Oliphant; "France," 2 vols., J. E. C. Bodley; "The Divine Comedy," 3 vols., Dante; "The New Life," Dante; "Histories of Polybius," 2 vols., (E. S. Schuchburgh, trans.); "History of Greece," 4 vols., Adolph Holm; "Johnson's Universal Encyclopedia," (C. K. Adams, editor-in-chief,) 8 vols.

Off to Cooperstown.

For the past month Manager Cox of track athletics has been in correspondence with W. H. Martin, the physical director of the Cooperstown Athletic association, which has been anxious to meet Union in an indoor athletic contest.

All arrangements were made for a meet at Cooperstown on March 18, and at the preliminaries in the gym. last Saturday afternoon Deyo, '98, Jones, '98, Turner, '98, Hegeman, '99 and Grout, 1901, were selected as the team to represent Union. The events were: running high jump, high kick and shot put, and points were registered by a percentage system.

The Cooperstown club has among its members several fine all-around athletes and in their previous contests with Union, the former have been the victors. This year they were anxious to hold the contest in this city but Manager Cox found that this would be impossible, but gave them the choice of events.

The team, accompanied by Manager Cox, left yesterday morning at 7:10 for Cooperstown where the meet was held last evening.

Tribute to H. A. Reeves, '52.

At the April conference of the State Hospital Superintendents with the Commission in Lunacy, held at the latter's office in the Capitol, Albany, a committee was appointed to draft an expressive of the sentiment of the superintendents concerning the retirement of Henry A. Reeves, '52, of Greenport, L. I., then about to sever his connection with the Commission. At the May conference the committee's report was received and ordered to be engrossed for presentation to Mr. Reeves.

The memorial sets forth in the highest terms of praise the great public service rendered by Mr. Reeves during his official connection with the Commission and makes grateful acknowledgment of many personal acts of kindness done by him. Attached to the minute are the signatures of the superintendents of the 11 State hospitals.

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On account of the good results of last Saturday's chase, the freshman class held two hare and hound runs this week, in place of the regular gym. work. The weather was favorable for running, but the fields and roads thick with mud, created some difficulty. This, however, did not lessen the interest of the students, and about 40 men turned out for each run.

The first was held, starting from the gym. at 3:30 Monday afternoon. A start of two minutes was given to the hares who succeeded in finishing the two mile run in 12 min. The hounds followed close behind, and finished the course in 11 3/4 min.

The hares were represented by Hartnagle, '98, Somerisley, Hodgson, R. H. Robinson, Merri- man and Bennett, 1901; the hounds by the remainder of the freshman class, accompanied by Mr. Pollard and Gutman, '98. For the hares, Merriman and Bennett made the best time; for the hounds, Shelly and Slack.

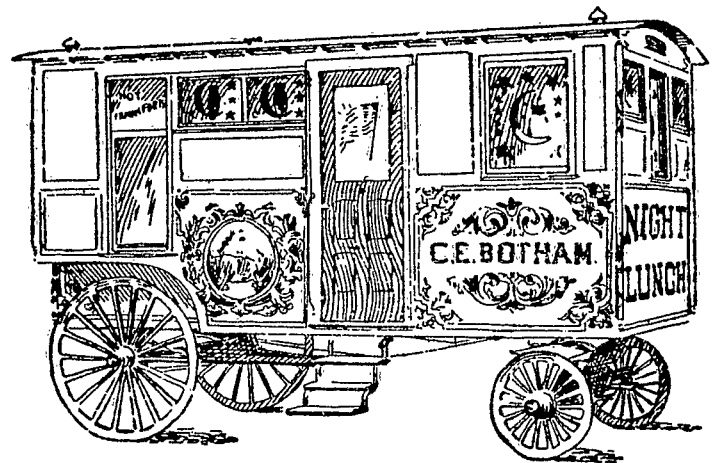
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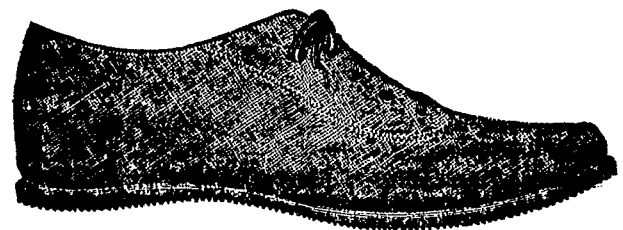
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