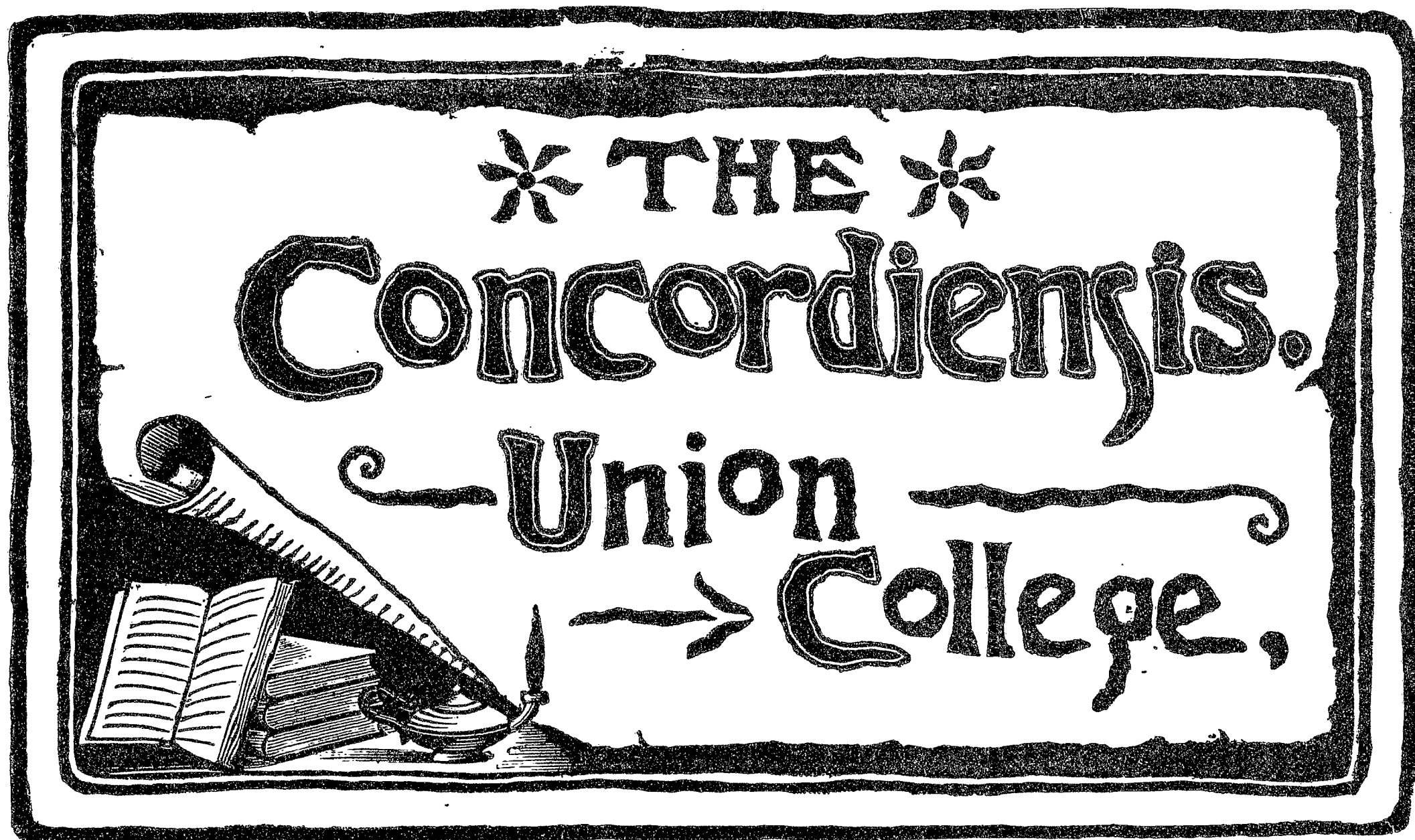


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## FRIDAY.

### UNION'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

#### The Allison-Foote Prize Debate.

The celebration of Union's Centennial was opened on Friday evening at the First Presbyterian Church by the prize debate between the Adelpic and Philomathian Literary Societies. The prize, which is a new one, was given by Mr. George F. Allison, '84, and Hon. Wallace T. Foote, '85, and consists of \$100, \$50 to go to the society, as a whole, that presents the strongest argument; and \$50 to the debater that makes the best individual speech, regardless of his society relation.

The question was, "Resolved, That Coin's Financial School antagonizes the true interests of America." The Adelpics had the affirmative, and the Philomathians the negative. Rockwell H. Potter, '95, was the first speaker for the Adelpics, and he analyzed the book's line of thought, and showed that the country is in a prosperous condition under the present system of monometalism.

For the Philomathians Theodore F. Bayles, '95, was the first speaker, and he claimed that silver cannot be hoarded as gold, and should therefore be used as a standard. Ormon West, '95, Adelpic, claimed that the free coinage of silver means that the United States must pay \$1 for 50 cents, and thus the destruction of our national credit. Orlando B. Persh-

ing, '97, Philomathian, came next, and he said that the question was not one of fancy, but of political economy, since it involves the national credit. Z. L. Myers, '96, Adelpic, said that Coin was trying to deceive the people by false argument, and that he was misleading. James M. Cass, '95, Philomathian, did most of his talking on the effect that the free coinage of silver would have on the debtor class.

This closed the first section, and in the second section the order was the reverse, and arguments about the same. Prof. Truax, after they had finished, introduced the Committee of awards, which was composed of Mr. A. P. Strong, Mr. J. W. Kirkland and Mr. T. J. Johnston, who awarded the society prize to the Adelpic, and the personal prize to R. H. Potter, '95. T. F. Bayles and Z. L. Myers also received honorable mention.

## SATURDAY.

#### The Class Day Exercises.

On Saturday afternoon, in the First Presbyterian Church, occurred the Class Day Exercises of '95. The exercises were opened by the president's address by George Linius Streeter, of Johnstown, who thanked the citizens of Schenectady for their kindness and hospitality.

James A. Collins, of Amsterdam, the class orator, was then introduced, who spoke a few well chosen remarks on what characteristics are necessary for success. The class poem was then read by Henry Ravenel Dwight, of Charleston, S. C., which referred touchingly to Union's

fallen brave. The class historian, Albert Sewall Cox, of Schenectady, was very interesting in his incidents related of some of the members of '95.

William Grant Brown, the class addresser, was heartily applauded, and his address was a masterpiece, dealing with the questions of the day. The exercises, were closed by the prophet, Theodore F. Bayles, of West Kortwright, who told of '95's future.

#### THE JUNIOR AND SOPHOMORE

##### Prize Contest in Oratory and the R. C. Alexander Prize for Extemporaneous Speaking.

On Saturday evening the First Presbyterian Church was packed when the exercises began at 8 o'clock. The Sophomore orations came first, and were as follows: "Safeguards of a Nation," Howard H. Furbeck, St. Johnsville; "Unconscious Influence," Ira Hotaling, Albany; "Ballot Reform, John C. Merchant, Nassau.

Before the Junior orations Prof. James R. Truax announced the special subject for the Alexander extemporaneous discussion. The general subject was "Wealth," and the special subject, chosen by the committee, composed of Prof. J. L. Patterson and Prof. T. W. Wright, was, "Resolved, That the accumulation of great wealth is a sign of a prosperous and well-governed country."

The Junior orators were then announced and were as follows: "Christianity Not Philosophy," D. Howard Craver, Albany; "The End of the Century," George J. Dann, Walton; "The Progress of Liberty," Roscoe Guernsey, East Cobleskill. Each of the above did well, and won merited applause.

The Alexander contest came next, and the first speaker was Horatio M. Pollock,

'95, Schenectady. He opposed the question on the ground that the experience of nations had taught that the massing of wealth is detrimental to prosperity. D. Howard Craver, '96, Albany, was the next speaker, and he reduced the question to organization and individuality, claiming that the individual is made too prominent to-day.

Albert S. Cox, '95, Schenectady, said the question hinged on three words—great, wealth and individual. Theodore F. Bayles, '95, West Kortwright, claimed that the control which money has over all the institutions of the land prevents justice being done the poorer classes. William D. Reed, '98, Albany was the first speaker in favor of the affirmative, and said that wealth was the cause of all the commercial and industrial prosperity of to-day.

Rockwell H. Potter, '95, Glenville, reviewed the methods of acquiring wealth, and showed how the man with brains is sure to get ahead. George Young, '96, Cobleskill, claimed that the unjust distribution of wealth is the cause of much discontent, and that the prosperity of the country is thereby injured. The last speaker, L. C. Guernsey, '95, claimed that the man who has intelligence enough to make a fortune, will also use it to benefit humanity.

The judges for the Alexander prize were Robert J. Landon, George S. Clare and Everett Smith, who awarded the \$50 in gold to Rockwell H. Potter, '95, and an honorable mention to William D. Reed, '98.

#### SUNDAY.

##### The Memorial Sermon.

At the First Reformed Church Sunday morning Rev. Dr. George Alexander, '66,

preached the Memorial Sermon. He began by outlining the condition of Europe and America a century ago, and the changes that have taken place since then in settlement, enterprise, progress, and especially in the moral and religious atmospheres.

The philosophy of the eighteenth century caused its decadence, and Atheism corrupted the foundations of learning. At its close the country had never been so pronouncedly unchristian.

He then gave the names and a few words on some of Union's greatest thinkers, and to Tayler Lewis he paid a great tribute, saying: "No one who received the impression of his Catholic spirit could ever fail in reverence for the sacred oracles or share the panic of timorous half-believers who would withhold the Scriptures from the sharpest and most thorough scrutiny." He added that Union's men were men of the arena rather than the cloister, and told how some had become famous.

He then said that the characteristic note of the nineteenth century is evangelism, and paid a glorious tribute to those sons of Union who have given up their lives as missionaries and for other Christian works. The closing words of Dr. Alexander were very impressing, and were as follows:

"In these commemorative days, fragrant with hallowed and inspiring recollections, let us reconsecrate ourselves to this holy purpose, and breathe for our Alma Mater the prayer so eloquently voiced by her distinguished orator of fifty years ago: 'Honored parent! Heretofore you have been the home of religious tolerations. May you be so still. Thus far you have been the nursery of free spirits, of a comprehensive and large-

minded but reverent philosophy—thus may it always be. And when the term of fifty years has again rolled away, and your children's children shall come back to celebrate your praise and write up your remarks, may it be found that this is the home of brave and true men—of men braver, truer, holier than we, that better and wiser spirits have risen up to direct your counsels, and that a higher scholarship and a deeper sanctity are sending out from these shrines rich blessings on the world.'"

#### The Inter-Denominational Conference.

On Sunday afternoon occurred the Religious conference at the First Reformed Church. The first speaker was Rev. B. B. Loomis, '63, of Canajoharie, who represented the Methodists. He said that Methodism was born in a university, and that it has always been the warmest friend to education.

Rev. Walter Scott, '68, Principal of the Connecticut Literary Institute, spoke on "The Relation of the Baptist Church to Higher Education." He said he believed in the complete severance of the Church and State, and that education should be entirely conducted by the State. For the Presbyterian and Congregational denominations, Rev. Thomas E. Bliss, '48, of Denver, Col., illustrated how the motto of Union college is growing, both in the East and West. Dr. W. D. Maxon, '78, spoke on behalf of the Episcopal denomination, and showed that that is not a true education that does not establish a union between man's own personality and God's. Rev. D. Rooker, '84, Secretary of the Apostolic delegate, Monsignor Satolli, at Washington, D. C., represented the Catholic Church. He outlined the relation of the Catholic Church to higher education very clearly, and said that the Catholic Church believes in the perfect union of religion and education.

### The Baccalaureate Sermon.

The Rt. Rev. William Croswell Doane, Bishop of Albany, preached the Baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening at the First Presbyterian Church. His text was 2 Timothy, 2:20-21. He said that these words appeal to strength, the glory of young men, and urges him to keep himself from being entangled with the affairs of the world, from being satisfied with the near horizon of earthly things, and gives two tests by which all character is shown, the outward and inward.

The three great principles brought out by this text are the infinite wisdom of the Maker, the responsibility of life with reference to the liver, and the use each person can be in the world. The value of this training time is to find out the materials of which one is made, and the place he is to fill in the world.

Life lies open before us, and henceforth there is no such thing as liberty, for all the activities of life are so interwoven that no life can be alone. One's occupation in life is God's calling, and one will have to serve according to his material. The speaker then outlined very clearly the business and political corruption of to-day, and said that the only cure for these ills is a conscious and responsibility of that service.

The learning of the lesson of life is merely learning the lesson of what is one's fitness, and this is a long and deep problem. And here the discrimination ends, for there is no difference between gold and wood, between silver and earth, because for every faithful servant whose work is well done there is the joy of the reward of his Master.

He said that he hoped our motto, "Concordia," might be extended and perpetu-

ated in all things and closed by saying:

"God guide and guard you, my young friends, and make you vessels unto honor. God bless 'Old Union.'"

### MONDAY.

Monday was devoted wholly to the educational conferences, the morning and afternoon sessions being held in the chapel and the evening at the First Presbyterian Church. At the morning exercises "The School" was discussed, Melvil Dewey, Secretary of the State Board of Regents, presiding. Prof. W. H. Maxwell, Superintendent of Schools, Brooklyn, N. Y., was the first speaker, and he outlined the different school systems of the world, saying that the United States system is the control of schools by the State, in consequence of which there is a great variety of methods. He then treated the subject of the school curriculum, and told of the many kinds of schools now in use. In conclusion he said that the movement to surpass all others is the study of the human child.

Mr. C. F. P. Bancroft, Principal of Phillips' Academy, Exeter, Mass., said that the motion for the establishment of a new school system was three fold—humanitarian, Christian and the supply of the State officers who should be competent. The typical academy, he said, was not for the rich, nor is it a benevolent institution.

"The College" was discussed at the afternoon session, President Scott, of Rutgers, presiding. In his speech he said that in college we have to make the tripod of education of mind, education of soul, and education of body to stand. President Andrews, of Brown, was the first speaker, and he said that one of the things in which the college of to-day is



superior is the methods used by Dr. Nott. "Character and Manhood" was his motto. He then spoke strongly in favor of athletics.

President Taylor, of Vassar, closed the exercises by "The Growth and Progress of the Education of Women." He sketched a brief outline of Vassar College, and said that there might be a more humane relation at the present time between student and professor. The women colleges are contributing something to the idea of college government. President Taylor concluded by saying that in the future, as in the past, the colleges for women shall press on and on.

"The University" discussion was presided over by President Gilman, of Johns Hopkins University, who said that Union had introduced three phases of education: The school, the college, and the university. He also pointed out that the difference between the college and the university was that the former educated and trained, the latter investigated. Prof. Hale, of Chicago University, was the first speaker, and he cited the great changes that have taken place in science the past century. There are two deficiencies in students coming to a university—quantity and quality of study. The speaker then outlined the requisites necessary for the successful university, student and professor, and said that all colleges should seek to introduce better methods, so as to better fit their students for graduate work.

President G. Stanley Hall, of Clarke University, said the end of the university is not only to discover truth, but that which comes through common sense. The university should specialize, for to-day the world is run by specialists. College work is a work of acquisition, crea-

tive power is the chief thing for a university to cultivate. The danger that menaces education to-day is the growing tendency of looking ascant at enthusiasm and ardor. In closing, he said; "Reverence and religion will be reinforced by scientific research, and nature is a great reservoir from which one may gather material."

## TUESDAY.

### THE MORNING'S MEETING.

The morning's business began at an early hour and continued without cessation until interrupted by the call to dinner. The Sigma Xi Society met at 9 o'clock in the morning in the engineering room, Prof. Perkins presiding. It was decided to send two delegates to Springfield, and they were instructed to vote for the establishment of chapters at the University of Minnesota and at the State University at Columbus, Ohio. Phi Beta Kappa met at the same hour in the English room. Its business is kept private.

The Alumni meeting was called to order at 10 A. M. by President Parker. Rev. Dr. C. W. Anable, '46, offered prayer.

A nominating committee was appointed as follows: R. J. Landon, '80, H. N. Snow, '63, D. Beekman, '84.

Dr. D. C. Robinson, '65, moved that a committee of five be appointed to raise a fund of \$2,000 for the purchase of the library of the late Prof. Lewis, and its presentation to the college. The following is the committee: D. C. Robinson, '65, S. B. Rossiter, '65, S. Mills Day, '60, J. M. Bailey, '61, and G. K. Harroun, treasurer of the college.

The nominating committee reported as follows: President, Hon. Amasa J. Parker; vice-president, Dr. Charles D.

Nott; secretary, Dr. William T. Clute; treasurer, Dr. Herman V. Mynderse. Executive Committee—William H. McElroy, E. P. White, Nelson Millard, James Heatly, A. P. Strong. Alumni members on Athletic Advisory Board, for one year, R. J. Landon; for two years, Edwin C. Angle.

Daniel Addison, '83, moved that a committee of five of the Alumni be appointed to confer with the trustees and devise a plan for advancing the financial interests of the college.

The chair appointed as above committee D. Addison, Dr. Hamlin, Dr. Maxon, George C. Hazleton, C. V. Anable.

For Alumni trustee the names of Dr. Furbeck, '54, of Gloversville, and Wallace T. Foote, '85, of Port Henry, were presented.

Hon. D. C. Robinson, '65, moved that the treasurer of the Alumni Association be authorized to contribute \$100 to the fund for purchasing the library of Prof. Lewis whenever such contribution will complete the purchase.

The polls opened at 12 noon, M. M. Cady and E. P. White acting as inspectors. The ballot resulted in the election of Wallace T. Foote, '85.

### The Commemorative Addresses and Centennial Poem.

At 8 o'clock Tuesday, at the First Presbyterian Church, the commemorative exercises were held. Rev. Charles D. Nott, D. D., '54, presided, and introduced the first speaker, Judge George F. Danforth, '40, who outlined the life and works of Dr. Nott. In referring to his ability as an educator, he said it was Dr. Nott's policy to make men and not scholars of his students. He showed how sound and

practical was all of Dr. Nott's instructions, and how that his one great principle was to make his pupils think. His discourses always tended toward one end, preparation to meet life's work, for he had no use for theory without fact. In closing, he said that in Dr. Raymond would be a second Dr. Nott.

Rev. Stealey B. Rossiter, '65, was the next speaker, and he took as his subject, "The Starred Faculty of Union College." Dr. Rossiter began with the first of Union's great faculty members, and went clear through the list to the present day, giving the distinctive characteristics as an educator and as a man of each. Among those he referred to were Andrew Yates, Francis Wayland, Alonzo Potter, Isaac M. Jackson, Tayler Lewis, Laurens P. Hickok, William Gillespie, Thomas McCauley, Robert Proudfit, Thomas C. Reed, Jonathan Pierson, John Austin Yates, Prof. Peissner, Benjamin Stanton, and Isaiah B. Price.

William H. McElroy, '60, followed with his poem, which closed the services.

### The Centennial Banquet.

Promptly at 1.15 Tuesday the alumni adjourned to Memorial Hall, where the Centennial banquet was to be held. While the crowd, which numbered more than 500, was getting its places, the classes, old and young, enlivened the occasion with yells and songs, and the College Glee Club sang a few selections.

At the head table were President Raymond, the speakers, and Gen. Butterfield. The Rev. Dr. Sawin, of Troy, offered the blessing, after which the dinner was served by Owens. Dr. Raymond began the literary part of the programme with a few remarks, welcoming

all, and saying that it was his privilege to present the honored guests.

He then in turn introduced the following speakers, who brought greetings from their respective colleges and universities, and told how Union was related to them, and wished her as much success in the future as she has had in the past: Chancellor Anson J. Upson, of the Board of Regents of the State of New York; Prof. George Herbert Palmer, of Harvard; Prof. Henry Parks Wright, Dean of Yale College; Prof. John Haskell Hewitt, of Williams College; Prof. J. H. Van Amringe, Dean of Columbia College; Prof. William McDonald, of Bowdoin College; Prof. John Randolph Tucker, of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.; Prof. Oren Root, of Hamilton College; Prof. Anson J. Morse, of Amherst College; President Scott, of Rutgers College; President Taylor, of Vassar College.

President Patton, of Princeton; President Andrews, of Brown; Prof. Charles F. Richardson, of Dartmouth College, and Chancellor McCracken, of the University of the City of New York, were unable to be present, but the last named sent a letter which was read by President Raymond.

#### The Ivy Exercises.

The ivy exercises of the class of '95 were held at 3.45 on Tuesday in the college garden, under the old elm. President Streeter introduced Isaac Harby, of Sumpter, S. C., who, in a few words, praised the character and sketched the career of a just young man. R. H. Potter, of Glenville, followed with the Ivy Poem, which was good of its kind, and the Ivy Oration, by George A. Johnston, of Palatine Bridge, brought a close to the literary exercises. The ivy was planted in front of North College.

#### WEDNESDAY.

#### The College in Patriotic Service.

The memorial services were opened at 8.30 on Wednesday morning by Gen. Butterfield. After the flag had been raised on Memorial Hall and the Glee Club had sung "The Star Spangled Banner," Major Austin A. Yates, '54, delivered the address. He told of Union and her distinguished sons, and how the war called them out, some to the South and some to the North; yet not one was a traitor. He spoke with the highest esteem of Maj.-Gen. Robert B. Potter, Capt. Jackson, Gen. Strong, and Gen. Peissner, and Capt. Sam Newberry. In speaking of Gen. Butterfield he said that he was a man who had looked on more battlefields than any other Union man, the friend of Lincoln, Seward and Grant, and he receives the salute of every son of Union.

#### The College in Professional Life.

At 9.30 o'clock the session took place in the tent prepared for the occasion, and "The College in Professional Life" was discussed. Mr. W. H. H. Moore, '44, presided. The first speaker was Hon. J. Newton Fiero, '67, who recalled Union upon the bench and bar. He said that many who have been illustrious in this profession have been overlooked in the mass and in the great prominence given to those who have risen to high office. He then mentioned a few of Union's greatest lawyers, saying they had held positions in all the courts from the Supreme Court down.

Rev. Teunis S. Hamlin, '67, D. D., followed, and showed Union's strength in the clerical field. He said the work of Union's sons in the field was like nine-

tenths of the productive labor of the world, unseen by the people in general. He then enumerated the greatest of Union's clergymen as they have appeared to every aider in the work, and closed by paying President Raymond a high tribute.

Major John Van R. Hoff, '71, M. D., U. S. A., was the last speaker, and he represented the medical profession. He said that from the office of surgeon-general down, every rank has known the skill and reaped the blessings of the knowledge of Union sons. He paid special reference to Theodoric Romeyn Beck, class of 1807, for his medical books.

#### The Alumni Banquet.

The alumni banquet was held on Wednesday at 1 o'clock in Memorial Hall. Hon. Amasa J. Parker acted as toastmaster. President Raymond made the announcement that several law school scholarships had been created, after which he introduced President Tucker, of Dartmouth College. The other speakers were Mr. Silas B. Brownell, President of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Charles D. Nott, Eli Perkins, and Hon. Samuel T. Thayer. The decennial classes were called upon, '35, '45 and '55, not being responded to, but a gentleman of '65 spoke a few words. '75 did not have any orators, but '85 was represented by Hon. Wallace T. Foote, the newly elected trustee. '95 was represented by Rockwell H. Potter. All the speeches were good, and Eli Perkins, of course, kept the audience in a roar. He showed the influence of imagination upon enjoyment.

#### The Engineering Celebration.

The celebration of the engineering department took place at 4 o'clock in the tent. President Cady Staley, of Case

School of Applied Science, presided. In his introductory remarks he gave a history of the founding of the school in 1845 by William M. Gillespie, and paid him a great compliment.

Hon. Warner Miller, '60, was the only other speaker, and he devoted most of his time to the subject of education. He said that no man can succeed in any important work who is uneducated, for education is power. Education is a power which increases in geometrical ratio as it ascends from the kindergarten to the university. It has freed and ennobled the race. When the spread of education is as wide as the world itself, man will be fit for self-government, and universal peace will prevail. Union was the pioneer in establishing courses of study other than the purely classical. She was the first to establish both the scientific and the engineering courses in America. Without boasting we may say that during the century Union has had a greater influence on the welfare and position of our State, in the nation, though the many she has sent into active life, than any other American colleges.

#### The Evening Exercises.

At the evening exercises in the First Presbyterian Church "The College in Statesmanship and Politics" was discussed. John Gary Evans, '83, Governor of South Carolina, presided, and opened with a few remarks concerning his own State. Hon. D. C. Robinson, '65, the first speaker, said that politics is the science of swindling the other side, and statesmanship is the art of concealing the swindle. He also said that we have gone so far in pursuit of money that we have forgotten our allegiance to the commonwealth. If we are to succeed as a nation



the idea of public spoilation must be put aside. Union will, as she always has done, protect the rights of society, and on this the nation depends. He who has learned the road of self-devotion, has learned the road to human progress.

Mr. Charles Emory Smith, in his speech, said that the secret of success is vigilance. Great as is the glory of Union in every other branch, there is no field where she has gained greater honor than in the realm of higher politics. He then referred to Dr. Nott's influence upon young men, and how they had afterwards become famous. He said Union sent her graduates everywhere, and they stand for all creeds, all politics, and all influences. He eulogized in an eloquent manner William H. Seward, one of Dr. Nott's favorites. He also paid a great tribute to the dead Chester A. Arthur and the living William H. McElroy and Warner Miller. In closing he said that as Union's sons gain new zeal and inspiration from this return to her venerable halls, so may she derive fresh strength and impulses from their enkindling presence, and may she look forward to a long and bright future which shall be worthy of her illustrious past.

#### THURSDAY, COMMENCEMENT DAY.

##### The Close of the Alumni Celebration.

At nine o'clock on Thursday morning the procession was formed on the hill to march down to the First Presbyterian Church, where the Commencement Exercises were to be held. It was headed by '98, followed by the other classes in order, the graduates and the alumni, beginning with the youngest and ending with the eldest. This whole body occupied the middle of the church, while the trustees,

the distinguished guests and the faculty occupied the platform.

The Rev. Dr. R. R. Booth, Moderator of the General Assembly, offered prayer, after which came the Blatchford oration. The programme was as follows :

"America for Humanity," - William Allen, Clyde  
 "The Evolution of Great Men," Theodore F. Bayles, West Kortright  
 "An Educational Basis for Suffrage," Frederick M. Eames, Albany  
 "The Study of Literature as related to a Liberal Education," Loren C. Guernsey, East Cobleskill  
 "The Beneficent Results of the French Revolution," Frederick Klein, Gloversville  
 "The Advance of Man," - Horatio M. Pollock, Schenectady  
 "The Influence of Feudalism on the Formation of the State," George L. Streeter, Johnstown  
 "The Individual and Society," John N. V. Vedder, Schenectady  
 VALEDICTORY. "Ethics in Literature," Rockwell H. Potter, Glenville  
 THESIS IN ENGINEERING. - Miles Ayrault, Jr., Tonawanda  
 "Asphalt and Tests of Asphalt." (Excused.)

Following came the University celebration. President Raymond announced that Dr. Eliphalet Nott Potter, ex-president of Union, now president of Hobart College, would preside. With a few pleasing remarks he introduced the Right Rev. Henry C. Potter, D. D., bishop of New York, the honorary chancellor and Centennial orator.

Dr. Potter said that fifty years cannot pass over a college without bringing great changes in all departments. He then described the condition from amid which the youth of 1795 turned their faces toward Union College and sought its training in preparing for college. He referred to the first valedictory ever delivered in Union, and said that it was filled with the loftiest sentiment. He said the object of the college course was that of the place where the student may store away facts and experiences to be taken down and used when occasion demands. The influence of educated men was never so great as to-day, and the time will come when they will merely show themselves far the superiors of the other classes. So the college should be the

trainer of the youth in all branches of life, and not give the student a mere acquirement of facts.

The college has always stood, not alone as an instructor of the highest learning, but high and moral in its philosophy. He then referred to numerous personal examples of how these principles have been exemplified—speaking of Dr. Nott, Prof. Johnston, Prof. Tayler Lewis and Prof. Alonzo Potter. In closing he congratulated Dr. Raymond on being able to follow such illustrious predecessors.

After Dr. Potter's address the graduating class received their diplomas and degrees from President Raymond, who in a few words urged them to be all that the Centennial oration had inspired them to be. The honorary degrees were then announced, and were followed by "The Song to Old Union." The exercises were closed by the awarding of prizes and the benediction by Bishop Potter.

Below are the prize awards :

Warner prize, R. H. Potter ; Ingham prize, Harvey Clements ; Allen prize, 1st, John N. Veeder ; 2d, Arman Spencer, 3d, Albert S. Cox. Clark prize—Junior Essays, 1st, George J. Dann, 2d, D. Howard Craver. Junior Oratorical prize, 1st, George J. Dann, 2d, D. Howard Craver. Sophomore Oratorical prize, 1st, H. R. Furbeck ; 2d, Ira Hotaling. Engineering prize, Frederick Eames, E. R. Payne, Edward Shalders. Gilbert K. Harroun prize, John R. Vedder. Allison-Foote prizes—Society prize, the Adelpic Society ; Individual prize, R. H. Potter. Blatchford Medals, 1st, John N. Vedder, 2d, R. H. Potter.

#### SPECIAL HONORS.

In Biography, Edgar Brown, Albert S. Cox, Henry R. Dwight, L. J. Lane, Horatio M. Pollock, George L. Streeter, Orman West. In Chemistry—William E. Walker, W. Howard Wright. In English—Theodore F. Bayles. In French—Loren C. Guernsey, Horatio M. Pollock,

Edward Shalders. In German—Edgar Brown, Loren C. Guernsey, George A. Johnston, Frederic Klein, Howard Pemberton 2d, George L. Streeter. In Mathematics—John N. V. Veeder. In Physics—John N. V. Veeder. In Philosophy—Rockwell H. Potter.

#### HONORARY DEGREES.

Ph. D., William McDonald, Chas. E. Richardson, Benj. H. Ripton.

D. D., Augustine W. Cowles, John W. Nott, Orin Root.

LL. D., Henry Parke Wright, Geo. H. Palmer, John H. Hewitt, John H. Van Armbrage, Anson D. Morse, Wm. G. Hale, John R. Tucker and J. Rufus Tyron.

#### The Commencement Ball.

On Thursday night the class of '95 brought to a close their commencement exercises with one of the most successful balls ever given at the college. When the first waltz was started Memorial Hall had one of the largest and most handsomely dressed crowds that was ever seen within its walls, and from then until the hour came for going home, it was a beautiful sight to see.

The decorations were plain, but very neat and dainty. Garnet and white bunting were everywhere, and the electrical decorations were exceedingly beautiful. An arc light hung from the dorm, while incandescent lights were scattered around the balcony. "95" and the number of the dance was also made by means of small lights. Gioscia furnished the music, and he was at his best.

#### The End of the Century.

##### Junior Prize Oration.

We are living in an age of results. The nineteenth century has been one of marvelous advancement. A mighty throb seems to have pulsed through the arteries of civilization and quickened it with new activity. We stand and gaze at the bewildering succession of products that have arisen and are lost in wonder at their magnificence.

But while we admire these products in the completeness of their development, we must not overlook the essentials that ministered to their growth. They did not spring into existence through mere excess of strength. What new blessing then has been assimilated to the great heart of society that has given impulse to the new activity?

Shading the eyes from the splendor of the present we can discuss something of the features of the past. Back of all that goes to make the closing years of the nineteenth century, the era of law and liberty, of education and opportunity are the sufferings of those who have served their fellowmen. Patient devotion, met with scorn; noble endeavor, rewarded with curses; exalted heroism, tortured at the stake, all are manifestations of the same truth, that men have sacrificed fortune, hope, even life, for the betterment of posterity.

Nature, too, declares the divine law: "For except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." On this basis rests the foundation of the great reforms that have left a lasting impress upon mankind. They have ever found their source in the sacrifices of those who have been called into activity by the belief that to them has been entrusted the work of uplifting the social condition of humanity.

There are two events which have served as conspicuous landmarks in the progress of the American people—the Declaration of Independence and the Emancipation of the Slave. The first, although not of this century was essential to its advance in civilization. The struggle of the colonies was not a struggle against taxation, but a struggle of man for liberty and equality. Not only was the supremacy of the Briton to be overthrown, but a new organization of society was to be erected on the basis of liberty and justice. It was to that end that men pledged their fortunes, their lives and their sacred honor! That was the true meaning of the American Revolution.

To the thoughtful mind the beneficial effects of the emancipation of the negro race, strongly appeal. By that act the moral and industrial forces of the people have been increased, the menace of civil war has been averted; and five millions of human souls have been raised from the rank of slave to that of man.

Yet great as these benefits have been, at what a cost were they secured! The civil war was the most appalling calamity that the nineteenth century has beheld. More than two million men from the North alone laid aside the peaceful pursuits of life and offered themselves a living sacrifice upon the altar of duty. While we may honor them with expressions of praise and gratitude, our words, contrasted with their deeds, seem only trivial. What we may say will soon pass away, but what they did, can never be forgotten.

Such is the history of the past. Is there then no menace for those who are destined to open the unwritten volume that shall contain the records of the new century? Is there no lesson for those who are to-day battling for humanity? There is a message. As our ancestors gained our liberty, as our fathers preserved it, so it is our mission to disclose to posterity the essentials of its fullest enjoyment; to teach them that with liberty comes responsibility, to teach them that liberty is but freedom under law.

Self-sacrifice is as great a virtue to-day as of old. It may not be manifested in the struggle for liberty, nor upon the field of carnage, but in the humble walks of life men are to-day making sacrifices that are unknown to the world. The lesson is for them. It would teach them the commanding humility and majestic resignation of the greatest one that was ever sacrificed that all might live. There is a mighty field untraversed, and as the years roll on, each will bring forth some new blessing and hope to posterity the fruit of the sacrifices of to-day, even as the present glorifies the past. GEO. J. DANN, '96.

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THE GREAT Centennial celebration has come and gone. Crowds of alumni have gathered together for a few days and have departed again. Class-mates long separated have met, shaken hands, held class meetings, recounted old times; but now these events have passed into memory and the friends have gone their several ways. But are these mere fleeting experiences, the whole of this great occasion? The celebration has indeed passed away, but the spirit of it not only remains but has grown immensely stronger during this past week, laying hold of all, both old and young, and filling them with a renewed inspiration.

Everyone has been exceptionally well pleased with the week's exercises. The entire management of the affair has been most excellently planned, and reflects the greatest credit upon those in charge. Scarcely ever has been assembled such a galaxy of prominent men from all parts of the country, bringing their homage, their adoration and their greetings to this

college of a hundred years. Here has been reviewed the history of the past, the spirit animating the founders has been described; the work and influence of the noble educators connected with the college has been revealed; the policy of the present has been explained; and the inspiration of all of these has been infused into those listening, and there the future success of the college has been assured. The whole celebration has been a success and Union has received new life.

Yes, the Centennial celebration has passed; the voice of the orator and the applause of the multitude is hushed; but this meeting together has united all of Union's sons, and they have here joined hands and pledged that the gray old walls of Union shall ever ring with the chorus of loyal children.

ANOTHER commencement has come and gone, and this time the Fates have taken from us the class of '95. Yes, old '95 has finished its college course. Another class will move up and take its seat while the members of this class go out into the world to begin their work. But '96 cannot let this class go without saying a little word of farewell. For three years we have been together; three years of strife in all departments; and yet we have learned to love and honor our enemy. We well remember our first day of college and the warm reception given by '95. The Editorial Board itself has a very distinct recollection of the tree it climbed, of the coal box upon which it danced, of the grass in which it swam, and of the Idol which it painted. All these are memories which have endeared us to '95. But that is not all, for aside from our little class contest we are mindful of '95's power in athletics, in music, in oratory, in society,



and of all that she has done to advance the interests of the college. Whenever any demand was made '95 stood ever ready to meet the need. We are grateful to have been associated with this class, and we honor her. We have formed many close personal friends among its members, and it is hard to say farewell. And so at this parting time we lay aside all petty grievances and see only the class that has given Union such loyal and energetic sons. And on this last day '96 will join hands with '95 and help to swell the grand refrain: "All hail to thee old '95!"

WITH THIS number of the CONCORDIENSIS the '96 Board of Editors makes its debut, and at the same time it inaugurates at Union College a phase of journalism, which, among the larger colleges, has become a great feature—that of a daily journal.

We realize that the task of editing a daily paper is no light one, even for an experienced journalist; and so if we, who are mere novices, are able to get out a journal that will be satisfactory to all, we will be greatly surprised, yet more than pleased.

We think that a college paper should be strictly a college organ, and for this reason we claim that whenever the needs of the college require anything of it, these needs should be supplied, even at the greatest sacrifice of the editors. The college, and not the individual, is the one we are striving to benefit. It is with this in mind that the publication of a *Daily Concordiensis* has been undertaken, and we hope to do everything in our power to further the interests of "Old Union."

We intend to make it strictly a college paper, having each morning a complete report of all the exercises of the previous

day and evening. Everything which comes into our possession relating directly or indirectly to the college will be published, and only this. The first number, of course, cannot be filled with reports of the exercises, for only the debate has occurred; and it is for this reason only that we have published biographies, together with some cuts of the gentlemen who will take part in the Centennial exercises. That they are representative men in every phase of life fully justifies us, we think, in this move, and we hope their sketches will be appreciated by all our readers.—[*From the Daily Concordiensis.*]

#### The Union College Centennial March.

The Union College Centennial march, which was recently composed by Mr. John T. Mygatt, '58, of New York City, especially for the Centennial celebration, was played at the Class Day exercises Saturday afternoon, having been orchestrated by Gioscia. The march is a very sweet and catchy one, full of expression, and cannot help but reach the heart of every Union man, for the composer has worked in very ingeniously and prettily the refrain to the "Song to Old Union" and college yell. Mr. Mygatt is to be complimented on his production, and we hope that his march may become as dear to Union's sons as Fitzhugh Ludlow's "Song to Old Union" has become. The march is dedicated to Mr. Robert C. Alexander, '80, editor-in-chief of the "Mail and Express."

#### The Butterfield Prizes.

We have enclosed in each number of the CONCORDIENSIS a full report of the Board of Scrutiny and Appeal on the Butterfield Lecture Course and the awards of the prizes which have taken place to date. We are able to present them through the courtesy of Gen. Butterfield.

## ODE TO ALMA MATER.

Hail "Union," our loved Alma Mater hail!  
Although a century has pass'd o'er thee;  
Thy pristine strength and glory do not fail;  
They still are thine in an intensified degree

Thy walls and groves are to thy sons as dear  
As Academia's shade, in olden days,  
To Hellas' favored youth as gathered here  
Again upon these old-time scenes we gaze.

The yearnings and the heart's wild beats for fame  
That nerved us for our daily tasks with zest  
Come back, almost to light again the flame  
That animated then our youthful breast.

And that immortal, new World Nestor, Nott!  
Sage, friend and mentor, all combined in one;  
By Union's sons can never be forgot,  
His honored name shall stand, long as the sun.

Shall shine on Union's towers, loved and revered;  
A synonym of all that's good and great;  
By sympathetic words and deeds endeared  
To every heart that came beneath its weight.

And other names upon our memory press;  
Names time's erasive touch cannot efface,  
Of noble and devoted men, who none the less  
Have borne their part in hallowing the place.

The pure and godly Potter, "Vis Praeses,"  
The genial Jackson scholarly Yates, as well,  
The guileless, tender-hearted Proudfit, these  
Are names on which we still delight to dwell.

Thou dear old Union, wheresoe'er their lot,  
And whatsoe'er that lot for good or ill;  
Thou never can be, by thy sons forgot;  
Thy memories will cling around them still.

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Come wake the memory of the days  
When first you tried her hillside ways,  
Ere yet you knew that time has wings,  
Or aught of burdens that it brings.

Come look again upon the walls,  
And walk again adown the halls  
That often echoed to your voice,  
Nor doubt the scene can yet rejoice.

Come hear again the college bell,  
'T will well of hallowed memories tell,  
Of hopes, of joys, of friends of youth,  
Friends that were friends in very truth.

Come meet the classmates of "lang syne,"  
Tho' some be missed from out the line,  
To greet the living still will cheer,  
And for the dead will fall the honoring tear.

Ye sons of Nott, and grand sons, too,  
Come honor him who honors you,  
Whose labors made your Union great;  
Let ever honor on him wait.

O, Union, thou dost rightly pride  
On those that o'er thee did preside  
Thy century. No name but's writ  
By Fame, for learned, and wise, and fit.

Union, thy sons, or far or near,  
Hail thee in thy Centennial year,  
And wish that all the world might see  
The love thy children have for thee.

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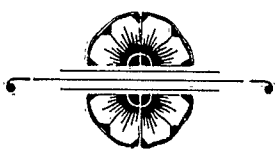
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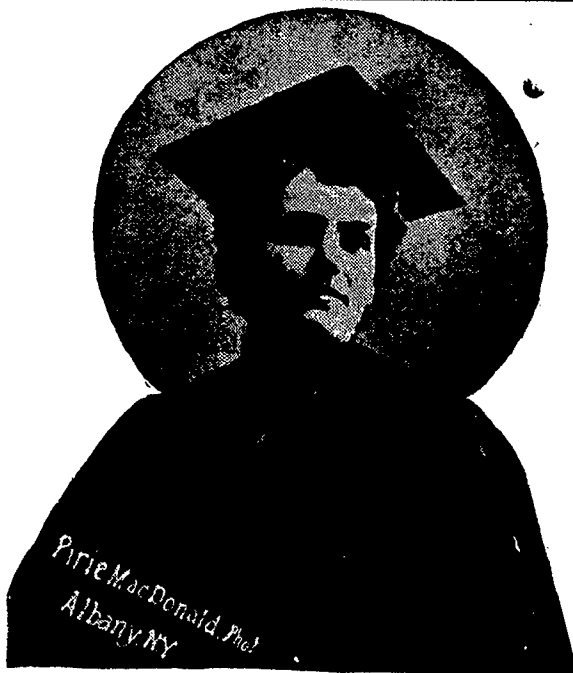


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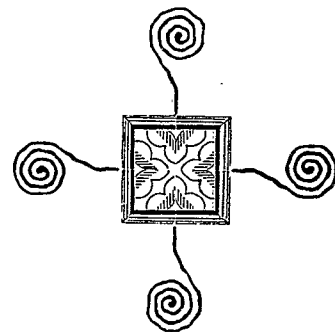
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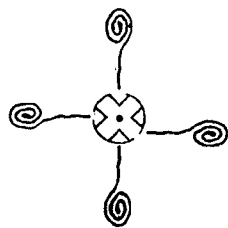
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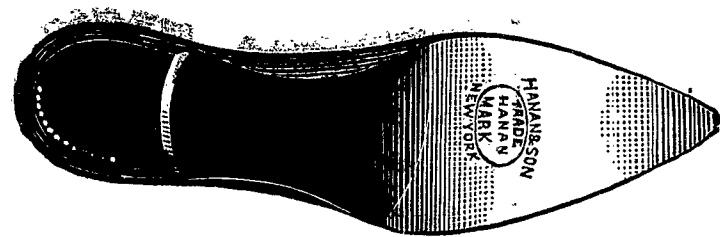
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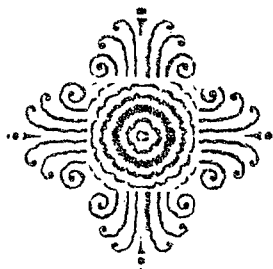
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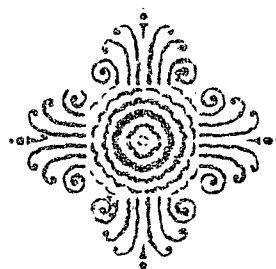
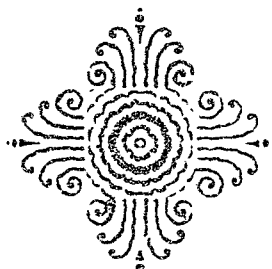
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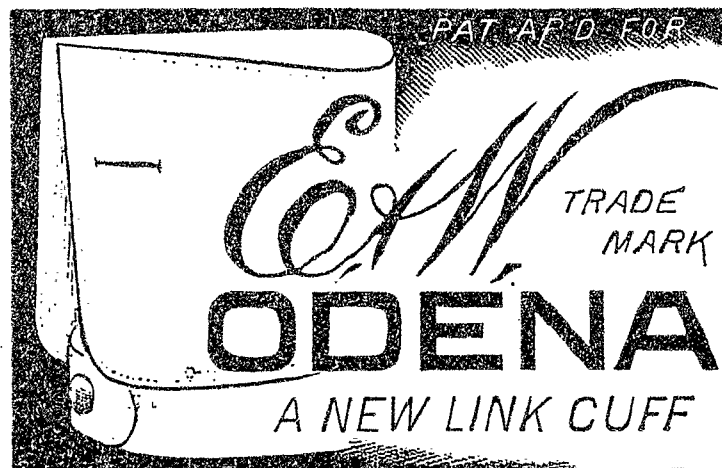
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