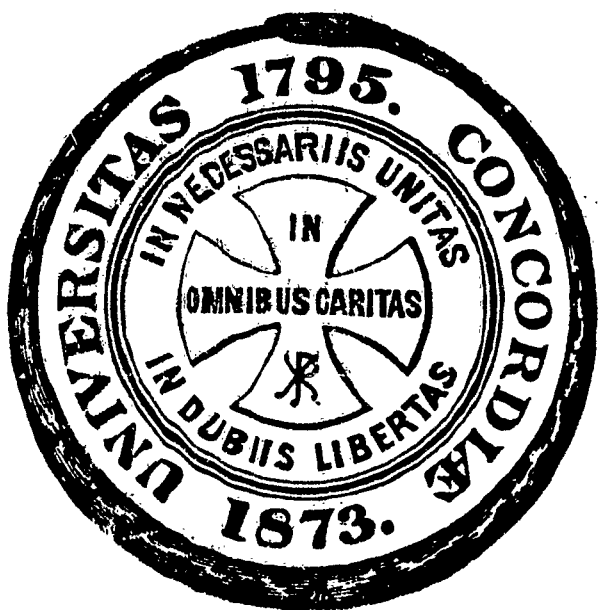


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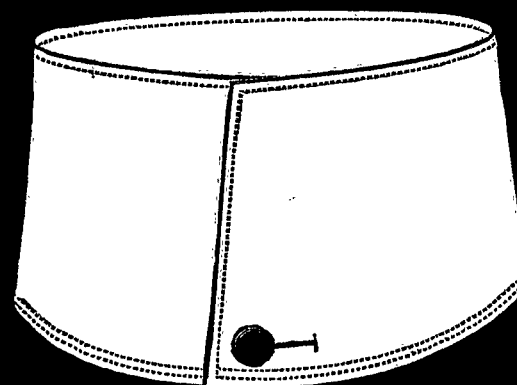
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The Hitchcock Bequest.

Next year we shall begin to reap the benefits of the Hitchcock bequest. The amount of the bequest is upwards of thirty thousand dollars, and the income is to be devoted to the purchase of new books, and to the care of the books already on the library shelves. The bequest was not intended to provide for the administration of the library, but simply to add new books and to keep the ones that are there in proper condition.

It is obvious that this money could not have been devoted to a better purpose, nor could it have been devoted to any purpose where it would produce more considerable or more substantial results. We have every reason to feel grateful for the recent progress of the library, both in equipment and administration, and hereafter, we shall have reason to feel grateful every day to the Rev. Oscar Blakeslee Hitchcock, a loyal son of Union, who, to quote his own words, made this bequest to his "dear Alma Mater." May others be as loyal as he. May we, even now, day by day, do our little for Union college, in the same spirit in which he made this noble gift. Certainly no one has given more welcome help where help was needed than Mr. Hitchcock.

A brief recital of the facts of Mr. Hitchcock's life, will be of interest to the readers of The Concordiensis.

He was born May 24th, 1828, at Windham (now Ashland), N. Y., and was descended from old Connecticut stock. His school days up to his fifteenth year, were spent in a district school. He then attended Delhi academy, Ulster Co., N. Y., for two years. The academy broke up on account of anti-rent troubles and he removed, first to Wilbraham, Mass., then to America, Dutchess Co., N. Y. He entered Union college in 1850 and was graduated in

1852, receiving an election to the Phi Beta Kappa society. The Hon. David Murray, his classmate and room-mate, speaks of him as a student not very assiduous "in the sense of grinding out a daily grist of hard work," but of a bright mind, a zealous and appreciative reader of books, of marked literary ability and "a poet of no mean powers."

After graduation from college, he studied theology for a year at the New Haven Divinity school. He then studied for a year at the Poughkeepsie Law school, returning to New Haven the succeeding year. He was graduated in theology at Andover in 1856.

His first ministerial charge was at White River Junction, Vt. Failure of health compelled him to relinquish this charge. Upon his recovery, he preached at Ashland, N. Y., until 1859 and then at Whitney's Point, N. Y., until 1860. His health failing him again, he gave up his charge. He remained at home until the outbreak of the Civil War.

During the war Mr. Hitchcock rendered efficient help, not only by his public advocacy of the Union cause, but by actual service in the Union hospitals in the south, both as chaplain and in other capacities. He was in Charleston on the fourth anniversary of the surrender of Fort Sumter, when Gen. Anderson restored the flag he had struck in '61.

From the close of the war until the time of his death, Mr. Hitchcock was virtually in retirement, his health not permitting of an active life. He travelled extensively however, and was furthermore a proficient student of geology. In fact Union college is indebted to him for some valuable geological specimens.

During his latter years Mr. Hitchcock lived in Ithaca, N. Y., at the home of Mr. C. H. Van Houter, whose wife was his cousin.

He died July 7th, 1897, at Shelter Island, whither he had gone to recruit his health.

In addition to his principal bequest, Mr. Hitchcock also bequeathed his library to the college. His loyalty to his Alma Mater was of that substantial sort which converts itself into practices.

May's Great Event.

Arrangements are being made to hold an inter-scholastic athletic meet in this city on Saturday, May 14, under the auspices of the Track Athletic association. Invitations to participate have been extended to 39 preparatory schools in this state and Vermont, seven of which have already sent favorable answers. Cooperstown Union school, Albany High school, Christian Brothers academy, Albany, Amsterdam academy, Troy High school, La Salle institute, Troy and Hudson High school.

The object of the meet is to encourage inter-scholastic athletics and bring into closer relations the preparatory schools of this part of the state.

The events will include 100, 220 and 440 y'd dashes, half mile and one mile runs, 120 and 220 y'd hurdles, running high jump, pole vault, broad jump, 12 lb. shot put, 12 lb. hammer throw, one mile and two mile bicycle race and a relay race. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the first three men in each event, and a championship pennant will be presented to the institution scoring the greatest number of points. An entrance fee of twenty-five cents will be charged for each man entered in each event. The rules of the Inter-scholastic Amateur Athletic association will govern the meet, and no person, not a bona fide student of the school which he represents, shall be allowed to compete. Invitations have been sent to the following schools. Albany High school, Amsterdam academy, Binghamton High school, Canastota High school, Fort Edward Collegiate institute, Gloversville High school, Herkimer Union school, Cooperstown Union school, Little Falls Union school, Manlius Union school, Poughkeepsie High school, Sandy Hill Union school, Saratoga Union school, Saugerties Union school, Troy High school, Utica Free academy, Hudson High school, Palatine Bridge High school, Oneonta High school, Herkimer High school, Johnstown High school, Schoharie High school, Ballston High school, Lansingburgh academy, Peekskill Military academy, River-view academy, Poughkeepsie; Hudson River institute, Claverack; Rutland Classical institute,

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Ignorance Will Meddle.

The following from the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle would indicate that Union's base ball team doesn't represent the complete acme of pure amateurism:

"Arrangements are being made for a representative amateur or semi-professional baseball team for this city, of which John Moran is to be manager. He said last night that he expected to have on his pitching staff Thatcher, who is one of the Alling class in-door ball team. Mr. Moran said:

" 'But I do not expect him until after the Union college season is over, as he plays on that team.'

" 'But he is in town now,' remarked the newspaper man.

" 'He only goes there spring terms,' said Mr. Morgan. 'Base ball's all Union has him for,' added Buckley, who was present.

"Neither realized that his comments were a reflection upon Union's baseball team, bearing all the more weight because the speakers were innocent of any knowledge that it is not the correct thing for colleges to procure players the way they say Union gets Mr. Thatcher's services."

If the Democrat and Chronicle is in error the Union men should demand a retraction of the statement.—*University Forum*.

The above clipping from the undergraduate publication of Syracuse university needs no especial comment. The Mr. Moran or Morgan of the clipping, and the one Buckley, are scarcely men of great intellect, judging from their vocations. Thatcher is a hard student, stands well in his classes, and has signified to the faculty his purpose of graduating from Union college.

Age of Students.

Some interesting figures regarding the average age of students entering college were given by President Tucker of Dartmouth, in a recent talk, says the Springfield Republican. In 1870 this average age was 19 years; 1790, 20 years. In 1800 it fell to 18. In 1810 it fell to a trifle less than 18. In 1820 it had risen to 18 plus, in 1840 to 19, and in 1850 to 19 plus, where it has since remained, so far as the records have been consulted. What is most surprising is the high average for the early period. Requirements for admission to the leading colleges a century ago were of courses far below what they are now, and it seems to be a fact that most graduates then who later attained great distinction entered colleges at ages not known now. Thus Webster and Choate entered Dartmouth when less than 15 years old, and George Ticknor when only about 12 years old.

John Trumbull, the poet, passed his examination for Yale when only 7 years old, though he did not enter the college for some time afterward. He was a prodigy, however, and his period was half a century earlier than that of Ticknor and Choate. Nevertheless, cases of entering college at 12 and 14 years a century ago could be cited in large number, but the Dartmouth figures would indicate that they were the exception and not the rule. Possibly, however, Dartmouth itself would prove to be an exception among colleges. The sections from which it drew students most largely were more remote and less favored than those about Harvard and Yale, and this made a great difference.

The Cooperstown Meet.

The athletic meet at Cooperstown, at the close of last term, between a team from the Cooperstown Athletic association and a Union team, was won by Cooperstown. The events were the same as at all previous meets and our men scored 852 points to 992 for Cooperstown. The Union team was composed of Turner, Grout, Deyoe, Hegeman and Jones.

They Played Good Ball.

The baseball season opened last Saturday at Union with a game between the first and second teams. No lack of interest was shown in the game, either by the players or spectators, and the work of both nines was excellent. The teams were drawn up as follows:

FIRST.	SECOND.
Edwards.....pitcher.....	Thatcher.
Stewart.....catcher.....	Hegeman.
Nevins.....first base.....	Wiley.
Vrooman.....second base.....	Paige.
French.....third base.....	Grout.
Cook.....short stop.....	Carver.
Robinson.....right field.....	Parker.
Smith, Capt.....center field.....	Harran.
Mallory.....left field.....	Lawton.

Score by innings:

First.....	7	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	3—15
Second.....	3	0	1	5	1	5	0	0	0—15

Remembers His College.

Edgar R. Cummings, '97, at present instructor in geology at the University of Indiana, has presented to the geological department a topographic model of the area covered by the Amsterdam sheet of the United States Geological Survey, upon which the different formations are represented. The model is accurately constructed and will be of decided value to the department for the courses in field and areal geology. The region was carefully studied by Mr. Cummings for his honor work, and his thesis has been accepted for publication in the annual report of the state geologist of New York.

Quad Dance.

The first post-lenten dance was held by the Quad last Monday evening at Yates' boat house. As usual it was a most enjoyable affair. Those present were: Mesdames Strain, Price, and Potter; Misses Lewis, Williams, Price, Strain, Sligh, Yates, Ostrom, Brown, Howey, Alexander, Schoolcraft, Calvert, Miller, Walker and Beattie, and Messrs. P. B. Yates, W. C. Yates, Haviland, Vander Veer, Sheehan, Turner, Strong, J. S. Stewart, Paige, Foote, Merriman, Nevins, Van Vlack, Price and Bender.

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IN THESE ugly, stormy, blood-shot times, when yellow journals are shrieking like mad, when even those papers hitherto sane are losing their balance and McKinley stands seemingly deserted because he has dared to do right, it is an inspiring thought to Union men to know that almost the only New York daily that has not for a moment wavered in its support of McKinley and the Right, is a paper controlled by a Union man.

THERE is a time-worn prejudice against gambling on the incubator that we feel tempted to forget when the matter under discussion is this year's baseball. During the past week the candidates have been out in daily practice and their progress has delighted every one. Captain Smith this year will captain a winning team. That is, if the

students will only, only, do their share. "Give your money and lend your presence," is the motto at present. A man who won't do this won't fight for his country. His place is among the Spaniards.

AN official rubber for the track team has been put on our self-denial list for the present, and the only thing for the men to do is to turn in and do the work themselves. If a student is unable to pay a subscription an honorable and manly way for him to liquidate his debt is by working it out as suggested. They do this in many colleges larger and richer than ours, and no one is ever injured by it. The track men absolutely need this attention after practice, and it's an opportunity to objectify some of this college spirit you hear so much about.

THE action of the students Thursday morning, at the special college meeting, was true to the best traditions of the college and verily better than the attainment of many first grades. To Mr. Angle, to Mr. Dillingham and to Mr. John W. H. Pollard, for this new infusion of genuine spirit there will be erected a memorial in the heart of every man on the hill. For the alumni who have shown their love for old Union in the way that talks without talking, not the least of whom is now at the head of this college, the students shall never cease to render a full meed of appreciation.

AT THE time of writing there is every reason for anticipating a splendid success for the musical organizations in each of the three concerts to be given this week. Manager Sinclair, aided nobly by the alumni in the various places to be visited has done his utmost and is deserving the appreciation of the entire college. A noteworthy fact is that two of the concerts are given under the auspices of the preparatory schools in their respective towns. The obvious result of this is the interesting of the parents and friends in the concerts and of the sons in Union college. The attitude of the New York alumni has also been gratifying to a high degree, and through their co-operation the outlook for Saturday's concert in that city can be reckoned nothing short of brilliant.

IN A recent issue of the Hamilton Literary magazine is published the full correspondence of a student of this college who undertook something beyond his authority and who rightfully came to grief. The first letter is apparently a provisional challenge, the second is apparently a weakening of the nerve that dictated the first, and the third is apparently tearful though self-defending. We do not blame our brothers at Hamilton for being indignant at the whole business, and we can only add that their indignation does not surpass that in our own college. We thank them for acquitting Union of all blame in the matter, and we assure them that such a caper is not likely to be cut by any other member of this community in the near future.

We Are Citizens First.

During the chapel service at the opening of the spring term, President Raymond, after speaking at some length concerning the interests and work of the college, said that first of all the students of Union college are American citizens and whatever our duties toward the college, should be ready to respond to our country's call when the necessity required our services. It was so the students responded at the outbreak of the Civil War. "But," said he, "as educated men we should not desire war, until all means for an honorable peace have failed; we should favor war only as a last resort."

Neerology.

The news of the death of Earl Lemuel Stimson, '56, who died of pneumonia at his home in Wilmington, Del., March 24, has been received in this office. Mr. Stimson was a member of the Kappa Alpha and the Phi Beta Kappa fraternities, and has occupied a prominent place in business and legal circles ever since graduation. Much of his life had been spent in Cohoes where he was closely connected with all public improvements and various public enterprises. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church and took an active part in all its charities.

The Concert Tour.

The musical clubs left Schenectady Thursday afternoon and gave the first concert of the New York trip April 14 at the Maxwell opera house of Saugerties, under the auspices of the Saugerties High school, Fred. N. Moulton, Union, '86, principal. On Friday night the clubs appeared at Assembly hall, Newburgh, under the auspices of the Athletic association of the Newburgh High school. The New York concert will be held Saturday night at Carnegie Music hall. This concert will be under the direct supervision and patronage of the New York alumni, a committee having been appointed from the alumni to take charge of the matter.

Minor Topics.

A. R. Conover, '90, of Amsterdam, spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. Pollard has been engaged to give instruction in physical culture at the classical institute.

Rev. W. N. P. Dailey, '84, of Athens, gave a lecture in the city Y. M. C. A., Monday evening.

The cap and gown committee of the senior class, report that the caps and gowns have arrived and are ready for distribution.

Heermance, 1901, who has been ill at his home in Hudson, is reported to be convalescing rapidly and will soon return to college.

Gen. Henry C. Tremain will lecture in the Butterfield course on Friday, April 22, at 2:30 P. M. His topic will be "A Talk About Money."

The following men were chosen officers of the Y. M. C. A. for the ensuing year: President, Greene, '99, vice-president, Wright, H. K., '99, secretary, Potter, 1900, treasurer, Sanders, 1900, recording secretary, Hegeman, '99.

H. K. Wright, '99, represented Union at the conference of eastern college Y. M. C. A. presidents, taking the place of Greene, '99, who was unable to attend. The conference was held at the international Y. M. C. A. training school at Springfield, Mass., and lasted April 7 to 10.

On Baseball.

When college opened this spring term and every baseball enthusiast was eager for the game to begin on the campus, numerous inquiries were made for the baseball schedule. Nobody knew much about the matter. Manager Holcombe was at home in Hartford and had the entire correspondence and essential details with him. The Spanish war talk had fired his military spirit, he had joined the Naval Reserves and had received notice not to leave Hartford. So assistant manager Gambee went to Hartford April 7 and returned with the schedule nearly complete. Several dates are not yet fully determined but enough are fixed to warrant the publication of the following schedule:

Union at home: April 16—College of the City of New York; 18 or 19—Syracuse; 29—University of Vermont. May 4—Colgate; 7—Hamilton; 11—St. John's Military academy; 18—Hobart; 28—St. Lawrence; 30—Middlebury.

Union abroad: April 23—West Point at

West Point. May 21—Cuban ex-Giants, at North Adams, Mass.; 25—Hamilton at Clinton. June 7—Colgate at Hamilton; 8—Syracuse at Syracuse; 9 or 10—Hobart at Geneva.

Manager Gambee expects to fill several more dates with games in the vicinity of Schenectady.

The baseball outlook for this season is very bright. The crowd of rooters out every afternoon watching the practice is critical and the 25 or 30 men trying for positions are doing excellent work. Every one is not a star but all are doing hard work.

The advisory board has appointed assistant manager Gambee as manager to succeed manager Holcombe and he is working hard to complete the details of a successful campaign on the diamond. At the first college meeting of the term Monday morning a committee of five was appointed, consisting of three from the seniors and one from each of the lower classes, to select an assistant manager from the sophomore class to fill the vacancy caused by manager Gambee's promotion.

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R. S. Hoxie, '98, and A. D. Casey, '99, have been in attendance at the 57th annual convention of the Chi Psi fraternity held under the auspices of the Rutgers Alpha at Philadelphia, during the past week.

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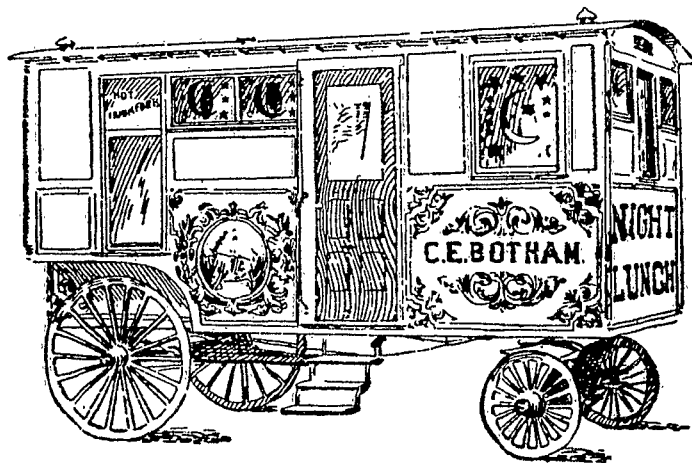
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