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HONORED AT YALE DINNER.

Homer Greene, '76, Reverently Toasts Old Union.

At a recent banquet of the Yale alumni of Eastern Pennsylvania, Homer Greene, '76, represented Union College on the toast list. The only other college thus represented was Princeton. The speech deeply stirred all who heard it, and it is therefore published in these columns. The main text follows:

"I am very glad of the opportunity of speaking on this occasion, and I am particularly pleased to be here as the representative of Union College. It is not so much the compliment which your committee has paid to me as the compliment Old Yale has paid to Old Union. Though business cares threatened to detain me, I knew that for myself and for my college it was an opportunity I could not afford to lose. I don't want it to distress me as long as I live that I missed a golden opportunity like this to say a good word at a Yale dinner for the alma mater whom I cherish and esteem and revere. I know that I ought tonight to express my admiration for that magnificent institution in whose honor we are gathered, but I feel that I should utterly fail in any attempt to do her justice. But when it comes to talking about Old Union,—well, the task is even greater.

"The best evidence of the standard of a college lies in the character of her alumni; and the people of Scranton are not unacquainted with Union products. Some of your best business men are Union graduates. Those of you who attended the New England dinner held in this room in December, cannot fail to remember the charm and brilliance of an address by a Union alumnus, Dr. William H. McElroy. Nor will you soon forget the masterly speech made here on a similar occasion a few years ago by Dr. Raymond, an alumnus and president of the college, a man who is admired and esteemed by all who know him. Another loyal alumnus of Union who is well and most favorably known in Scranton is Charles Emory Smith, the present postmaster-general of the United States, a man whose ability and manhood and broad statesmanship ought to and will one day, I trust, land him in the presidential chair.

"But it were vain to call the roll of distinguished alumni, no matter how long. It is not, after all, the man who has achieved fame and fortune, whose name is a household word and whose deeds make history, who most truly reflects on his fellow men that which his college has given him. He must have credit indeed for what he has done. As a rule his eminence has been achieved by hard and persistent labor, the sine qua non of permanent success. But he should not be put forward to the exclusion of every one else. No college ever yet graduated a body of students every one of whom became or will become great. I do not think I put it too strongly when I say that not five per cent. of the members of any class of any college become what the world calls great. Nor do I think I put it too strongly when I say that barely one per cent. of the graduates of any first-class college make total failures in life. The weeding process during the college course is too thorough and severe for that. No more splendid example of the law of the survival of the fittest can be produced than is found in the graduating class of any high grade college in this afterglow of the nineteenth century.

"But when you have set aside your nine per cent. as men of mark and your one per cent. of men too deeply marked—what about the other ninety? Why, Mr. President, they are the men who teach and preach and write and build, and plead causes and heal diseases and do the
world's work modestly, thoughtfully, thoroughly, honestly, and whose names are seldom heard outside their own communities. But in those communities, sir, they exert an influence inexpressibly great. They set the mental and moral and ethical peace for the people among whom they dwell. It is due to them that the culture of the schools and the ethics of the better life are being spread broadcast throughout the land. It is due to them, more than to any other class of citizens, that practical reforms and broader theories, and purer politics are coming to be known and appreciated and revered and fought for with a vigor and enthusiasm and determination that must finally prevail. It's the average alumnus, after all, who among college men is doing the best and biggest part of the world's work.

"I take it, sir, that the true purpose of any college is not so much to produce the genius who shall do mighty things on a broad arena,—not so much that as it is to train the average man to make the most of the life which is his, to become proficient in any calling he may choose, however humble, and a good citizen of any community, however small, in which his lot is cast.

"And in this noble and munificent work, God speed your college, sir, and yours and mine and all others to the end that the work may be well done. That is one reason why I am glad and proud to stand with you tonight and wear the blue and do honor to that historic and magnificent institution you represent; but even as I do so my heart yearns and my eyes turn to those gray old walls, and that grove-crowned hill on which the rising and the setting sun bestowed its glory throughout the four brightest, freest, fairest years my life has known."

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Sunday afternoon vesper service is discontinued for the remainder of the term, to be resumed again in the fall.

Fred. M. Gilbert of Yale, who intends leaving for the foreign field next year, gave an interesting talk on the testimonies given for Christ, at last Tuesday's meeting.
ALUMNI NEWS.

Items of Interest Concerning Union's Graduates.

[Every student and alumnus of Union is invited to send to the Editor-in-Chief items of interest for insertion in this department. News of a personal nature, about any alumnus, will be gladly received and printed.]

'28.—Joseph D. Husbands, A. M., the oldest living alumnus of Union, died at Rochester on April 2. He was born in Barbadoes, West Indies, on August 13, 1809, his father being at that time the representative of the British crown there. His father came to the United States in 1810, and settled in Hartwick, Otsego County, near Cooperstown. The son, Joseph Dattin Husbands, first attended school at Hartwick Seminary in 1816, and in 1824 entered Union, graduating in the class of 1828, and up to the time of his death was the oldest college graduate in the United States, according to college records. In 1840, Mr. Husbands went to Rochester, where he became a prominent member of the bar, and in 1867 he was appointed registrar in bankruptcy. Shortly before this he had been appointed United States Commissioner for the Northern New York district. In 1856 he left the practice of law and became Secretary for the National Temperance Union, traveling and speaking through many states in behalf of temperance. The oldest living alumnus of Union at present is Horace O. Moss of New Berlin, N. Y.

'32.—Union lost a venerable and distinguished son by the recent death of Dr. Charles E. West who died at his home in Brooklyn. The noted educator was born at Pittsfield, Mass., in 1809. He was fitted for college at the Berkshire Gymnasium. Mr. West taught school during the winter of 1828 and 1829, and in May, 1830, he entered Union. In 1831 he was chosen a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society for scholarship, and in 1832 he was graduated. He headed the roll of seventy-five classmates, and delivered the Greek oration at commencement, although he had read Greek but one term in college. His principal studies were physics and mathematics. The latter were his delight under Professor Jackson, '26. The course was the same as that at West Point. In 1833 Mr. West took up his residence in Albany, and studied law in the office of Amos Dean, '26, LL. D., who was later chancellor of the University of Iowa.

Mr. West later became interested in educational work, and founded the Albany Classical Institute. He married, and accepted the professorship of chemistry in Oneida Institute at Whitesboro, near Syracuse. He took a postgraduate course in science at Yale, and in 1839 he was called to take charge of Rutgers Female Institute in New York City. Under his direction the school attained great success. Dr. West also found time while in New York to complete his legal studies under the direction of John VanBuren, '18, and Judge Hamilton W. Robinson, '32. He was examined, and admitted to the Supreme Court bar in 1844. The degree of M. D. was conferred upon Dr. West about this time by the University of New York.

In 1851 Dr. West became president of the newly founded Buffalo Female Academy. He held this position until 1860, when he became president of the Brooklyn Heights Seminary. The success of the institution under his long management of twenty-nine years is widely known. He was made a Fellow of the Royal Antiquarian Society of Denmark and many other scientific societies, and in 1889, when eighty years old, he relinquished the labors of education and retired to his books and his ease.

'37.—William Fullerton, for many years a prominent lawyer in New York City, and in the late sixties a justice of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeals, died at Newburgh in his eighty-third year. Judge Fullerton was born in Orange County, and entered the class of '37 at Union. He was admitted to the bar in 1849, and during his active life was engaged in many important cases, one of them being the famous trial of Henry Ward Beecher, in which he was one of the attorneys for the plaintiff. Since his retirement from practice a few years ago, he has resided in Newburgh.
Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs, '53, was one of the officiating clergymen at the funeral.

'39.—The Putnam County Republican published in its editorial columns a beautiful tribute to the late William James Blake, A. M., founder and senior editor of that paper, who died after a useful and upright life of nearly eighty-three years. The Republican says in part: "The young man prepared for college at the old Montgomery Academy, and entered the sophomore class in 1837. 'Old Union' was at that time under the presidency of the venerable Dr. Eliphalet Nott, who for sixty years gave it a wide reputation, wielded a strong influence in the educational world, and left an unmistakable impress on the characters of those who went out from its gray walls. Not only did Dr. Nott stimulate the young men under his fatherly care in the pursuit of knowledge, but noble aims and high ideals were constantly held up for their emulation. Mr. Blake took a classical course, and became proficient in Latin, Greek and Hebrew, while science and literature were not neglected. In college he was noted as an earnest student, a ready debater, and also developed rare oratorical powers, which were frequently made manifest during his legal career. He was graduated in the class of '39, among whose members were Joel T. Hadley, the well known historian, and Benjamin F. Dunning, who attained prominence in law. In 1843, Mr. Blake was licensed as an attorney and began practice in Cold Spring, N. Y. The talents and brilliant powers of the young lawyer could not go long unnoticed, and in 1846 Governor Silas Wright appointed him master and examiner in the Court of Chancery. As a pleader at the bar, he had few equals. An old lawyer, an intimate friend of his, said of him, 'When he stood up to plead a case, he made the court room ring with his eloquence and held his hearers spell-bound, throwing his whole soul into his words.' Impaired hearing sent Mr. Blake into the newspaper business, for he was the man chosen for editor of the official republican organ of Putnam County, which paper was first issued in 1858, and was a decided success. The funeral services were held at Mr. Blake's late residence in Carmel, N. Y."

'47.—The Rev. Samuel J. Austin died recently at his home in Warren, Mass. Mr. Austin graduated from Union with honor, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. After graduation he entered the ministry, and was engaged in his clerical duties at the time of his death.

'49.—A souvenir presented to General Daniel Butterfield of New York city by the Dewey Arch committee on behalf of the National Sculptural society, consisted of a series of prints from negatives of the arch as erected in Madison square. It is a token of appreciation of the general's services as chairman of the Dewey Reception committee.

'61.—John Andrew Barnes died at Cologne, Germany, on March 25. Mr. Barnes was United States consul at Chemnitz, Germany, under Harrison's administration. While in college he was a member of Z¥. His remains were buried at Decatur, Ill., April 22.

'64 and '77.—Edward Winslow Paige, '64, of New York and John A. Delehanty, '77, of Albany, are the opposing attorneys in a curious legal action. Mr. Paige is representing John Boyd Thatcher in an action brought against him by the Six Nations of New York to recover some valuable wampum belts. Mr. Delehanty represents the defendant, who won in the Supreme Court. The case has been brought to the Appellate Division.

'65.—The Rev. S. Bates Rossiter, D. D., who has resigned the pastorate of the North Presbyterian church at Ninth avenue and thirty-first street, New York, is said to have filled one pulpit longer than any Presbyterian preacher now living in the Borough of Manhattan. He has held only one other pastorate since he was graduated from Union Theological Seminary in 1869. That was in Elizabeth, N. J., and lasted four years. His second one has lasted for twenty-six years. Dr. Rossiter was born and educated in this state, being graduated from Union with $\Phi B K$ rank. He is the author of a number of books, and is chaplain of the Grand...
Nation Curling Club of America. Dr. Rossiter has assumed a position as resident secretary of the local McAll mission, which has branches all over this country for the purpose of raising funds for the spiritual enlightenment of France. The Evangelist of April 19 published an interesting article by Dr. Rossiter describing the work of the mission.

'83.—Bernard C. Sloan drafted the bill signed by Gov. Roosevelt on April 10, providing for life saving appliances within the boundaries of cities and towns in the state.

'83.—Thomas Preston Washburne, the late resident manager of the Rochester and Pittsburg Railroad died of pneumonia at his home in New York. After leaving college, Mr. Washburne followed the profession of civil engineering. He was a brother of the late J. B. Washburne, '77.

'83.—Prof. C. E. Franklin, recently elected head of the Teacher's Training and Practice school of Albany, has been chosen by the state department of public instruction to give a course on "School Management," at the Summer Institute at Thousand Island Park during the month of July.

'84.—Daniel Naylon, Jr., was toastmaster at the dinner given by the Elks of this city on April 18. Nicholas I. Schermerhorn, '95, and Harry S. Estcourt, '87, were on the committee which had charge of the banquet.

'89.—Max M. Smith, M. D., died in New York City at the age of thirty-five. He was a graduate of the Union Classical institute. After spending two years at Union, he went to the New York Medical College, where he graduated as valedictorian in 1890. Since that time Dr. Smith has had a very successful practice in New York. He was a member of the Order of Junior Mechanics and was prominent in politics. While in college he was a member of A T.

'91.—At a recent meeting of the Cortland Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Robert Clements, Union '91, of Cuba, N. Y., son of John Clements of this city, was unanimously called to the pastorate of the Cortland church. Among letters of commendation read were those from the Rev. A. R. Stevenson and President Raymond of this city, the Rev. Dr. Riggs and the Rev. Dr. Darling of Auburn, the latter a former pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city.

'95.—Byron O. Burgin of Walton, has been appointed instructor in science at the Albany High School to succeed Horatio M. Pollock, another '95 man, who has been made chief examiner in the state civil service department. After graduation, Mr. Burgin served for four years as vice-principal of the Lowville Academy. He took a course in pedagogy at the State Normal college at Albany last year.

'98.—Guy Vroman, who has been connected with the General Electric Co. for the past year has accepted a position in Pittsburg, Pa. At his departure recently, he was tendered a reception at Hotel Edison, by the B Θ II fraternity of which he is a member.

'99.—David F. Van Wormer, ex-'99, left last week for a trip through the west, where he will represent the advertising interests of W. T. Hanson & Co. of this city.

INTERCOLLEGIATE.

Michigan won the debate with the University of Pennsylvania.

The Yale—Annapolis boat race will be rowed at Annapolis on May 5th.

The Williams—Cornell—Columbia athletic meet will be held at Albany, May 12.

A chapter of Sigma Xi has been established at the University of Pennsylvania.

California, Columbia, and Cornell will hold a triple track meet in New York this spring.

Arthur Irwin, of National league fame, will coach the Pennsylvania baseball team for the coming season.

Harvard defeated Yale in the annual debate. The question was, "Resolved, that Porto Rico be included in the customs boundary of the United States." Harvard supported the negative.
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The Columbia game to be played at Albany Friday afternoon should attract a large attendance of Union men. Let us support the team by our presence and encouragement.

Word has been received by Professor Opdyke that the necessary action for the admission of the University of Rochester to the N. Y. S. I. A. A. has been taken by both Colgate and Hobart. Union's sanction was granted last term. Rochester is now, therefore, a regular member of the league, and the possibility of the intercollegiate meet again being of a dual nature is made improbable by her assurance that she will be fully represented in the latter part of May. Union congratulates her sister colleges upon their wise action and cordially welcomes the new member.

A slight attack of "spring fever" has taken hold of the students during the past few days. The campus, with its fresh emerald hue and diamond setting, has tempted them from the dormitories, which seem to offer only a pale classic gloom. The malady annually anticipated by the faculty has appeared in malignant form. The "pellicle" leaves his books to bathe in the sunlight, and wanders about in indolence. Students are apt to lose sight of the primary object of our course at college, and of the purpose which should animate us. It's all very well to have enthusiasm, but is our zeal to bring honor to our alma mater in athletics, let no man devote himself to the wooing of the gentle and salubrious spring zephyrs to the exclusion of regular college duties.

The old time problem of inter-class baseball games is again presenting itself to the undergraduate mind, and students are asking each other, "will they be delayed as usual, and pulled off in the customary farcial manner?" There is but one answer to this query,—unless a decided reform in the present methods is effected. In several other colleges, a very practical scheme is being successfully carried out. Entire supervision of the matter is granted the 'varsity captain or manager. This official sets a date for each game, as convenient as possible, and forfeits it to the opposing nine if one team fails to make its appearance at the appointed time. Managers of class teams who neglect their duties are thus brought sharply to a sense of their obligations. The adoption of such a course at Union would revive interest in class athletics. The plan is certainly worthy of immediate serious consideration.

Readers will notice the unusually large amount of alumni notes published in this week's issue. Throughout the year the editors have striven more than ever before to emphasize this feature of the college paper. In our last issue a plan was explained which is intended not only to lend additional interest to the alumni columns but especially to awaken interest in the coming commencement among graduates who may intend reverently and properly celebrating the wooden, tin, china, silver, golden or other anniversary of
their separation from the old gray walls. Next week the intention of this paper is to publish a brief account of the life history of every member of the class of '50. Succeeding issues, similar articles will include records of members of the classes of '60, '70, '75, '80, '90 and '95. Copies of these issues will be sent to every living member of the respective classes, and while any information in regard to these alumni is most welcome, The Concordiensis respectfully requests the immediate attention of its readers to its urgent appeal for class of '60, '70, '80, '90 and '95. Statistics for next week's issue.

WEST POINT, 11; UNION, 7.

Cadets Win at Base Ball.

A slowly played game at West Point last Saturday resulted in a victory for the Cadets by a score of 11 to 7. Neither side put up a gilt edge exhibition of the national game, though the army men outbatted and outfielded their opponents. The home nine, like true sportsmen, conditionally gave up their last two chances at batting to enable the visitors to catch the train. The pitcher's box was held down by Witbeck during the first three innings, after which he was forced to retire through sudden illness. He threw the ball in rattling style, striking out six of the nine men that faced him. The curves of Edwards who followed him, were easily found by West Point. Poor support was given the battery by both Grout and L. G. Robinson. The latter accepted but four out of seven chances at the initial bag. He was badly bruised in the shoulder in the ninth inning. But five hits were made off of him by the garnet-stockinged men. The support of his infield was not exceptional.

Mumma pitched an excellent game for the home nine. But five hits were made off of him by the garnet-stockinged men. The support of his infield was not exceptional.

The main lesson of the game for Union would reveal the necessity of a more thorough organization of the infield. It must be remembered however, that the team work is not yet perfected. This week's games with Vermont and Columbia should show much needed improvement. The summary follows:

- **West Point**
  - A. B. R. 1B. P. O. A. E.
  - Clark, 1. f. 4 2 0 0 0 0
  - Dougherty, c. f. 5 2 1 1 0 0
  - Brown, p. 3 1 1 0 5 0
  - Mumma, r. f. 4 2 0 0 0 0
  - Bell, c. 3 1 3 10 1 0
  - Garber, 3b. 4 1 1 2 0 1
  - Abbot, 1b. 5 0 1 7 1 1
  - Lahm, s. s. 5 1 1 4 3 1
  - Gould, 2b. 4 1 2 3 0 1
  - Lahm, s. s. 37 11 10 27 10 4

- **Union**
  - A. B. R. 1B. P. O. A. E.
  - Lawton, s. s. 4 1 0 1 2 0
  - Grout, 3b. 5 0 1 1 5
  - R. H. Robinson, 1. f. 5 1 0 1 1 0
  - Witbeck, p. 1 1 1 1 1 1
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**ALBANY MEDICAL COMMENCEMENT.**

The sixty-ninth commencement of the Albany Medical College will take place May 2 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in Odd Fellows' Hall. Twenty-five young men, who will be the last to graduate under the three-year course, will receive diplomas. Dr. James H. Canfield, librarian of Columbia University, will make the address to the graduating class.

**Post-Master General Smith to Address**

**Law School Graduates.**

The commencement exercises of the Albany Law School will take place May 31. Gowns will be worn by the graduates, and the exercises will be formal and impressive. Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, Union '61, will deliver the address.
CAMPUS NOTES.

Live Topics Discussed by the Students.

John Albert Bolles, 1903, has been initiated into Delta Upsilon.

Dean Ripton attended the Methodist Conference in Troy last week.

The sympathy of all is extended to H. R. Wilson, '02, whose father died recently.

The musical clubs will take trips to Johnstown and Amsterdam some time in May.

President Raymond gave an address before the People's Forum Sunday in Union Hall.

R. F. Warner, 1901, returned to college last week, having recovered from a severe illness.

The senior orations for this term are due May 16th, the junior May 18th, and the sophomore May 11th.

The seniors were photographed for their class book last week. The committee in charge is composed of Messrs. Brown, Sanders and Read.

The Musical Association will leave on Thursday on its annual tour down the Hudson, giving concerts in Saugerties, Kingston and New York.

William C. Bamber, ex-1900, who is employed in the Buffalo office of the General Electric Co., was in Schenectady a few days last week.

President Raymond delivers an address on "The Advantages of Higher Education" at the Methodist Church of Round Lake on the evening of the 17th.

Dr. Raymond is one of the delegates of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church to the Ecumenical Congress to be held in New York this week.

The baseball team crossed bats with the University of Vermont yesterday afternoon. On Thursday they will tackle the Schenectady League team, and on Friday they will play Columbia at Albany.

Among the students who attended the 36th Company's ball last Friday evening were: Cullings, Featherstonhaugh, Palmer, Van Vlack, 1900; H. J. Brown, '01, and R. C. Yates, '02.

President Raymond has been chosen by the Presbytery of Albany to preach at the installation of Harvey Clements, '95, in the First Presbyterian Church at Gloversville on May 4.

Ernest Seton Thompson will lecture on the "Individuality of Animals" at the Van Curler the evening of April 30, under the auspices of the newly-formed Woman's Club, of which Mrs. A. V. V. Raymond is Honorary President.

The musicale given last Wednesday evening by the Union Classical Institute was very meritorious and reflects great credit upon Professor George Edgar Oliver, the director of the chorus. The exercises concluded with a French charade.

The annual convention of the Pi Phi fraternity will be held in this city Friday and Saturday of this week, under the auspices of the Beta chapter of the Union Classical Institute. A dance will be held in Yates' boat house Friday evening, and the banquet will take place in the Edison Saturday night.

The college track team will meet that of the 36th Separate Company in an indoor athletic contest at the new Armory this evening. The 36th company's team numbers several fast athletes. A large attendance is assured through this and the fact that it is the first good opportunity of Union men to judge the merits of the new athletic material in college.

Union was well represented at the opening ball of the new armory on April 17. Among the alumni present were, Burtis, '95, Gilmour, '96, Andrews, Yates and Strong, '98. From the college were Pike, C. Jones, Featherstonhaugh, Paige, Dunham, Elliott, Cullings, Campbell, and Brownell, 1900; Barrett, Merriman, Weed, Shelley, Hackett, Minkin, Robinson and Argersinger, 1901; Hawkes, Bothwell, Clute, Griffith, and Sands, 1902; A. S. Peck, and Wells, 1903.
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And I alone be left—I am not left alone!"

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Alone with piercing thorn, and troubles everywhere;
Though I shall suffer theft of all I call my own
And all alone be left—I am not left alone!"

"Alone I wait for God, alone I hear His voice,
Alone I bear His rod, alone in Him rejoice,
The wine-press with His Son—He shall upbraid my head.
O, He who prayed alone while angels gave Him food,
Will make His presence known with more than angel good;
O, He who on the cross so all alone did die
Will help me feel no loss of grace and comfort.
O, if in death's dark vale no evil need I fear,
Since who may dare assail—the Lord of death is near,
Sure shall I ne'er fear aught that life may threaten me;
The Lord of life hath taught: "Till th' end am I with thee!"

And so, alone may I be left to toil and pray,
To sing, to hope, to sigh, along a weary way;
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