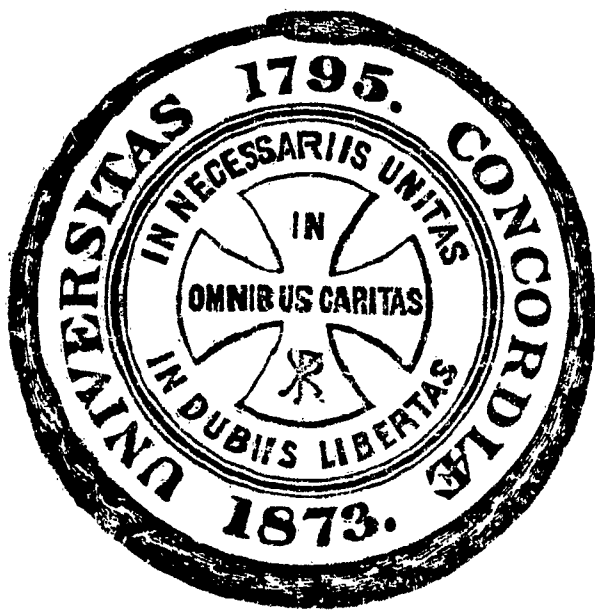


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The Newburgh and New York Concerts.

The clubs, after spending a most profitable and enjoyable evening at Saugerties, left that place in a blaze of glory for Newburgh. There they put up at the "Palatine," one of the most cheerful and comfortable hotels along the Hudson. The privileges of the "City Club" were extended to the fellows, and the afternoon was spent very enjoyably. This privilege was obtained through the good offices of Mr. Thornton of that city, who is a trustee of the college. The concert in the evening was a decided success, both for the clubs and for the athletic association of the Newburgh Academy, under whose auspices the concert was given. A very pleasing article appeared the next day in the Newburgh paper, lauding the concert in every particular. An added feature to the usual program was a banjo solo by C. Stewart, accompanied by his brother, J. Stewart, which received hearty applause. After the concert, a pleasant reception was tendered the clubs by Mr. Anthony at his home.

The next morning an early start was made for New York where the clubs were domiciled at the Murray Hill Hotel. The concert was given at Mendelssohn Hall, one of the finest halls in the country for such purposes, its acoustic properties being unequalled. A large and enthusiastic audience greeted the first appearance in New York of the Union College Musical Association. Encores were demanded for every number.

The *Mail and Express* published in part the following article, which is very good endorsement from the Metropolitan press: "The results of good training and hard work were shown by each of the three clubs, and it would be difficult to say which carried off the honors."

"The quartette, consisting of Messrs. Greene, Hinman, Mac Mahon and Eames, rendered

several selections with spirit and harmony. Their work has not been excelled by that of any similar aggregation in college concert halls."

"The last selection was the feature of the concert, when all the sons of the college in the audience went upon the stage and assisted the united clubs in singing the 'Song to Old Union.'"

Great credit for the success of the New York concert is due to W. B. Rankin, '77, and C. H. Culver, '89, who aroused the interest of the New York alumni and their friends in the visit of the clubs to that city.

The Inter-class Cross Country Run.

The result of the recent cross country running culminated in an interesting four-mile inter-class race Thursday afternoon. Much interest was manifested by the student body, and class spirit ran high when the contestants were finishing. At several places where the roads intersected the course groups were gathered which cheered as they passed.

The only classes to enter more than ten men were the Junior and Freshmen classes, and they were easy winners. The score of points made by classes was as follows: Freshmen, 193; Juniors, 127; Seniors, 101; and Sophomores, 97. The first men to finish were Multer, '97, first, time 22 min. 21 3/4 sec.; Hartnagel, '98, second, time 22 min. 39 sec.; Raitt, 1900, third; Wallbridge, 1900, fourth; Broughton, 1900, fifth; and Miller, 1900, sixth.

This race has brought out some material in the under classes which should be developed, and the wholesome interest manifested then, should be continued so that Old Union may win the inter-collegiate meet at Utica, June fifth. The new material can with proper training be readily developed in time for the meet and the result of this race should be to quicken all track athletics.

A Lecture By Hamilton W. Mabie.

A lecture of absorbing interest was given in the chapel last Friday afternoon by Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie of New York, the literary editor of the *Christian Union*. Although many of the students were away on the musical and base ball trips, the chapel was filled to overflowing. A large number of the clergymen attending the Troy Methodist conference in this city were present by special invitation.

Mr. Mabie chose as his subject "Literature," and for over an hour held the close attention of his hearers while he treated his subject in a masterly manner. It is impossible in our limited space to do more than call attention to some of the more striking points of the discourse.

Mr. Mabie said, that the most valuable thing in all college life is the four years of close association with books and the opportunity and necessity of their almost hourly use.

The only kind of books worth discussing are great books and the sum of these makes literature. But what are the qualities of a great book? Beauty is an essential characteristic, but the most important all-pervading quality of true literature is its vitality. By vitality is meant the rapid, energetic movement which you will find so prominently in all great books. Life is not degenerate and morbid as Ibsen and Nordau would have us believe, but is healthy, vigorous, full of bouyancy. The Odyssey, Homer, The Canterbury Tales, and Thomas A. Kempis' "Imitation of Christ," are works that have survived when others perished, simply because of their naturalness and vitality. Ulysses was a typical "young man." Even in old age his vitality was as fresh and untouched as in his youth.

Our ideal is too often to become what we call "independent" as early as possible. But in this we are wrong, for man was made for action. Why do we admire Shakespeare? Because he was a sound and wholesome active man. From "Romeo and Juliet" to "The Tempest" his works breathe forth the same immortal vitality.

Another use of great books is that they freshen our ideals. Great books are the custodians of ideals and filled to overflowing with them. As long as great books exist man will never lose his faith in something higher.

The Western Base Ball Trip.

The western trip of the base ball team last week resulted in three defeats. After losing to Hamilton, as told in our last issue, the second game was played with Syracuse on Friday. In spite of some good individual plays Syracuse won by a score of 8 to 3. Wild throwing and inability to run bases were the reasons for the defeat.

Saturday afternoon the team again met defeat at the hands of Cornell. Purchase was not well enough to play and as he failed to send any word to the team, the game was played with a substitute short-stop. As a result the score was piled up against us until the Cornell men were too weary to make any more runs. The score was 44 to 5. Although the weeks' record was very discouraging it ought not to be disheartening. Good steady practice and enthusiastic support by the student body may yet give a better ending of the season. Let each one feel that he is personally responsible for a part of the season's record, and the team will thus be enabled to do the work that it can and we all hope will do.

For Commencement Honors.

The Faculty has selected the ten honor men of the Senior class, who will deliver orations commencement morning, as follows, subject to change: Pitson J. Cleaver, engineer, of Unadilla; Edgar R. Cumings, classical, of North Madison, O.; Howard R. Furbeck, classical, of St. Johnsville; Ira Hotaling, classical, of Albany; William A. Johnson, classical, of Palatine Bridge; Abel Merchant, Jr., classical, of Nassau; Glenn M. Schofield, sanitary engineer, of Norfolk, Neb.; Stephen E. Slocum, engineer, of Schenectady; Dann L. Wood, sanitary engineer, of Mansfield, and Arthur Winn, classical, of Albany.

Greene, '99, remained over from the New York concert to the Grant memorial parade.

Obituary.

DR. JOHN R. FRENCH, '49

Syracuse University has suffered a great loss in the death of Dr. John Raymond French, Vice-Chancellor of the University and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Dr. French had been ill for a long time and last Monday he passed peacefully away. The funeral took place at his home on Wednesday.

Dr. French was born at Pulaski, Oswego County, April 21, 1825. After attending the Mexico Academy he taught school for several years, preparing himself meanwhile for the Senior class at Union, which he entered in 1841. He became a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity and graduated with honors in 1841. After teaching in several places, he practiced law for five years and in 1864 became professor of mathematics in Genesee College at Lima. When Genesee and Syracuse were united Dr. French was made Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. He received the degree of A. M. from Wesleyan in 1852, and of L.L. D. from Allegheny in 1871. Last year he was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa society and was made Vice-Chancellor of the University.

College Notes.

The Yale "Navy" is in a great state of excitement over the resignation of Simpson, who pulled stroke on the 'Varsity crew.

The date for this year's Harvard-U. P. foot ball game has been fixed for Saturday, Nov. 20, and it will take place in Cambridge. The Yale-Harvard game will probably be Nov. 13.

A new science building, called Williams Hall, has recently been completed at the University of Vermont. It is the gift of Dr. Edward H. Williams of Philadelphia and cost \$60,000.

At the invitation of Lieutenant Peary, Professor Hitchcock of Dartmouth College is organizing a party among the younger members of the faculty to go to Greenland this summer.

Yale and Harvard will meet for the first time since their reconciliation, May 15, at New Haven, in track and field games. Beside the fourteen regular events there will be a relay race.

The board of trustees of Johns Hopkins University has passed resolutions authorizing two undergraduate students, James Thomas and Edgeworth Smith, to publish a college gaper. If it is successful, it will be given over to the whole student body.

Rutgers College has recently been brought to the attention of the public by the celebration of Charter Day, the one hundred and thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the college, ten years before the birth of the republic. The guest of honor at this natal celebration day was the Hon. Garrett A. Hobart, an alumnus of Rutgers, whose recent election to the vice-presidency of the United States conferred additional honor upon that institution.

LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY AT HARVARD.

The comic opera, "Fool's Gold," which has just been presented by Harvard students, has drawn considerable attention on account of the name of the author, Vivian Burnett, the original "Little Lord Fauntleroy," now grown to be a strapping young fellow. It is an interesting coincidence that while the son, a student at Harvard, is making his first attempt at writing, Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, the mother, has a very successful play on the boards at one of the leading New York theatres.

Ex-President Potter Lectures.

Former President Eliphalet Nott Potter, who has recently resigned the presidency of Hobart College to take up his residence here in the near future, is spending a few days as the guest of Prof. Sidney G. Ashmore. Yesterday morning he delivered an address before the Senior class in sociology, taking as his subject "Architecture." The subject was treated with that degree of eloquence so characteristic of Dr. Potter and was a welcome variation from the routine of recitations.

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WE CALL the attention of our readers to a communication, appearing in this issue, that treats of our present athletic troubles in a peculiarly striking manner. The writer certainly appreciates the existing conditions and proposes the only sure manner of bettering them.

AGAIN the management of THE CONCORDIENSIS is compelled to call upon the *subscribers* still in arrears to *pay up*. Many have claimed that according to precedent they ought not to pay until the third term. *Now is the time* for all such men to pay their subscriptions, and they will not only oblige the management by so doing, but will aid materially in making the paper a financial success. *This can be done only by an immediate remittance by all who have not as yet paid their subscriptions.*

THERE is an organization in college of which every Union man ought to be proud. At a time when our athletics are not quite as flourishing as we might wish, the Musical Association is busily

engaged in spreading the name and fame of old Union as it has never been spread before. The recent trip to New York was a new departure and proved a fitting culmination of this year's work. At every place where a concert has been given the press has given the association unqualified praise, and at Albany and New York the concerts were most favorably compared with those given by the musical clubs of other colleges.

It is noteworthy that the fine record of the Musical Association is directly traceable to four causes; energetic, capable management, the untiring efforts of trained and careful leaders, a feeling of personal interest and responsibility on the part of every member, and good, hard, earnest, preliminary training. We would recommend these wholesome characteristics of the Musical Association to the attention of every organization in Union college.

YE UNION boys whose pipes are lit,
Come forth in merry throng;
Upon the terrace let us sit
And cheer our souls with song;
Old Prex. may have his easy chair,
The Czar may have his throne,
Their cushions can get worse for wear,
But not our seat of stone.

Every son of Old Union knows this song and the customs it characterizes—one of the best that was ever established for bringing the men in college together to unite their voices in the songs that breathe the spirit and enthusiasm of this grand old institution. It is a custom that should be preserved, and every man in college can do his part by coming out on the next warm night and swelling the chorus.

Thou grand old seat of stone,
Thou jolly old seat of stone,
Then here 's to thee right merrily,
Thou grand old seat of stone.

THE recent trip of the base ball team has caused much comment among the undergraduates and alumni of the college. And from the outcome of the games played the nature of the criticism is far from favorable to the team. In justice to the men who constitute the team, and in order to enlighten those alumni who enquire, "Why do you allow such an aggregation to represent the Union" it seems fitting that a statement of the case should be made.

The athletic organization of the college has not had time to recover completely from its disor-

ganized condition of last spring, and the most sanguine Union man cannot expect to see this year's Varsity, composed as it is almost entirely of green material, play ball with the ability and accuracy of veterans. But the base ball team is able to play a better game, and to do it they need good hard practice, and plenty of it. That is the only means by which they can gain the experience and confidence necessary for winning games. And the only way in which the team can be influenced to this kind of practice is by such a revival of college spirit as will cause the "Old Gray Walls" to echo and re-echo the victorious Hikah.

The University Catalogue.

The annual University Catalogue for the one hundred and second year was issued yesterday. It contains the usual list of officers, faculty and students, the new curriculum, the detailed statement of the work of each department, the rules and regulations, etc. The Albany departments are also given their accustomed place. Examination of the catalogue reveals but few changes. The new curriculum has gone into effect and German will no longer be required of classical Seniors. There are 221 students, of whom 48 are Seniors, 45 are Juniors, 52 are Sophomores, 63 are Freshmen, 12 are irregular, and one is post graduate. The faculty is composed of thirty-one members besides the various lecturers. A copy can be obtained by addressing the Registrar of Union College.

Y. M. C. A. at Northfield.

The Student Conference at Northfield will be held this year from June 25 to July 4. The dates of other conventions follow:

April 21-25. International Convention of Y. M. C. A., Mobile, Ala.

April 27-28. International Conference of General Secretaries, Selma, Ala.

The conference at Northfield this year will be a large and interesting gathering, as there are to be present representatives from collegiate institutions of China, Japan, Australia, Norway, Sweden, France, Germany and England, besides those from the colleges in this country.

A Communication.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., April 27, 1897.

Editor of The Concordiensis:—

I take the liberty of offering a little professional advice at a time when it seems much needed.

About one year ago the athletic organism of Union College was prostrated from an overdose of physic administered by excited students, who had been incited by the faculty to immediate and radical action. The recovery from such heroic treatment is necessarily slow and accompanied with many discouragements; but it is safe and sure for the proper method has been adopted to bring it back to health and strength. After the thorough purging, the constitution of the patient was treated with great care and foresight. But, you will say, the organs are not fulfilling their functions as efficiently as they did before the purification. Certainly they are not, and why? Because the body previous to the treatment was kept up by stimulants that are no longer administered. Some of those stimulants are now wisely forbidden, but the convalescence of the patient would be rapid and joyful if it should receive *large and copious injections of college spirit.*

Hoping that those interested will assist in carrying out the prescribed treatment before there is another collapse, I am

Yours truly,

A. ROOTER, M. D.

The Theta Sigma society of the Union Classical Institute gave a delightful entertainment and dance at Arcade Hall last night. Quite a number of the students were present and an enjoyable time was had by all.

North College and South College played a game of base ball on the campus last Saturday. North College won by a score of 26 to 21. The batteries were: North College, Reynolds and Jones; South College, Merchant and Tuggy.

Local and Personal.

Elliot, 1900, has returned to college.

Loucks, 1900, is ill with tonsilitis at his home at Albany.

George Pollock, '96, is seriously ill at Constantinople, Turkey.

S. P. Franchot, '71, of Buckingham, Quebec, spent Thursday and Friday in town.

Hall, '99, has recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever, and was in town Thursday.

At a meeting of the Freshman class held Friday, April 23, John M. Tuggy was elected base ball captain.

✓ D. L. Wood, '97, has accepted a three years position as tutor in the American Protestant College of Beireut, Syria.

President Raymond will deliver the dedicatory address at the opening of the new Presbyterian church at Cohoes, May 6.

The Rev. E. P. Stevens of the First Methodist Church of Albany, addressed the Y. M. C. A. meeting in the chapel, Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. R. H. Washburn, '89, and the Rev. Wm. H. Edwards, '90, were in attendance at the Troy M. E. conference held in this city last week.

The North-Western New York Alumni association will give a banquet at Rochester next Thursday evening. The Sophomore quartet will be present.

About 25 members of the Delta Upsilon fraternity, attending the Troy Methodist conference in this city, were entertained Friday evening, April 23, by the Union chapter at its rooms on State street.

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The Latin scientific division of the Sophomore class is reading Shakespeare's Richard III with Mr. Edwards.

Several of the students marched in the Grant memorial parade at New York, last Tuesday, with the thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh separate companies of this city of which they are members.

Spalding's Base Ball Guide for 1897, which has just been published, is especially interesting to college men, as it contains a complete record of all the games played by the leading colleges during 1896, and portraits of the most prominent college base ball teams of the country. The new playing rules have the alterations and amendments printed in italics, which is a decided improvement, and the lists of averages of all the leagues and associations are very complete. Besides the college portraits, the book contains pictures of all the leading teams of the country, embracing altogether nearly 500 separate photos. The Guide will be sent on receipt of 10 cents to any address in the United States or Canada by the American Sports Publishing Co., 241 Broadway, New York.

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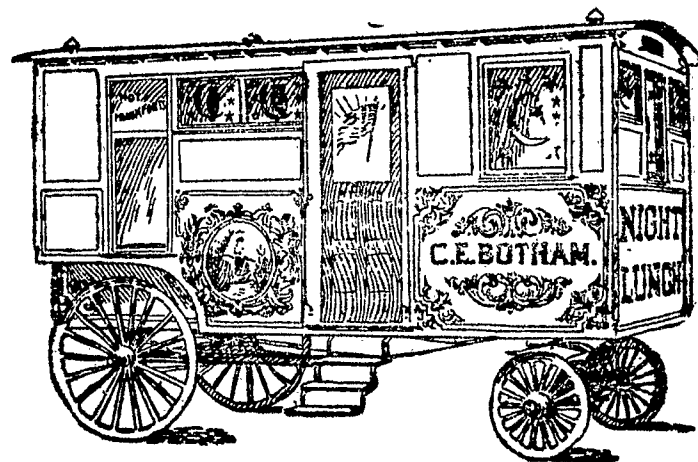
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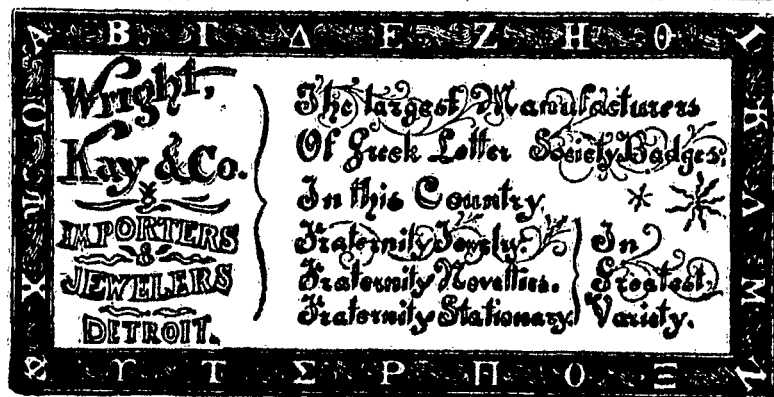
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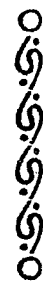
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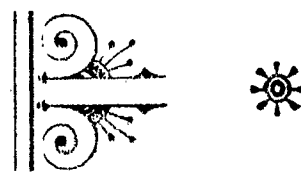
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