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## Nicaragua and the Nicaragua Canal.

The subject of this article is again being seen in newspaper headlines, and is undoubtedly one of great general interest. But I think I can bespeak a special interest in what is here said of the land of the great canal, as it is taken from a lecture recently written and delivered by one of the best known and most popular of Union's younger alumni, William G. Brown, '95. Mr. Brown was engaged on the engineering staff of the canal for eighteen months just previous to his entering college, and Nicaragua, as told by him, is intensely interesting and beautiful. For the purposes of this article it has been necessary to abridge materially the original lecture, leaving details and whole paragraphs to be summarized in a few words or omitted altogether. I wish it might be given entire.

"In July, 1890, I first saw the New York harbor; it was the time of my departure for Nicaragua. The ferries plying between their docks, river boats darting about on their separate missions, the rich and heavily laden argosies of the world, the marvelous bridge, the inhospitable wharves of our metropolis—all combined to fill my youthful mind with sadness, wonder and awe. Although leaving the land we love in a stranger craft and under a foreign flag, still the statue of Liberty stands at the door of the Atlantic, and bids us remember our allegiance to the only land for the lover of true liberty. But Liberty, although soon lost from view, awaits our return and we will eagerly watch for the first glimpse of that grand monument to our free institutions.

"The novel experiences of the first few days at sea refresh and sweeten the memories of by-gone happy days. The beautiful picturesque islands of Cuba, Hayti and Jamaica are finally passed, and with the several islands and reefs of

the Caribbean Sea furnish a panoramic view rarely equalled for beauty and picturesqueness. All these are scenes of beauty and interest before we reach our destination. But the rain clouds, borne on by the prevailing trade winds, are the never failing harbingers of the tropical clime, and when our vessel comes to anchor and we are informed that we are lying off the eastern port of Nicaragua, our eye scans the coast for early impressions of the far-famed land and its prospective canal. We behold, from our steamer, a sandy beach on which the white surf is breaking; a fringe of bushes and cocoanut trees holding up their feathery crowns; and in the distance the dark background of the dense tropical forest. The elements working through all the ages have made the coast of Nicaragua a natural location for the headquarters of so great an enterprise in the pure, open, salt air of the ocean.

"Nicaragua is, in point of size, the largest among the Central American republics, with an area exactly the size of New York state, and with a population equal to that of the state of Connecticut, nine-tenths of the inhabitants being negroes or Indian, and the remainder whites of Spanish descent. Columbus, in 1503, was the first European to see the coast and visit the harbor which is commonly known as Greytown, but more correctly and scientifically, San Juan Del Norte. Spanish adventurers finally discovered and conquered the country, and have left their language, their religion and a few ruins to tell of their mercenary exploits. Spain left an impress upon the social life of Nicaragua that can easily be traced in the moral and political nature of the Nicaraguan of to-day who freely follows a leader, and gives his allegiance to a man and not to institutions and a constitution.

"The principal products of the country are fruit, rubber, hides, coffee, rice and sugar. The

natives are an indolent, shiftless, hospitable, conceited race, living in the cities and along the banks of the principal river. Thomas Belt, a naturalist, after living in the country for twenty years, states that 98 per cent. of the children are of illegitimate birth. Often have I asked a brown-skinned boy, "Where is your father?" The answer is ever ready, "I don't know." Nicaragua is the land of mistresses; but sad and strange as it may seem, domestic happiness is the rule and not the exception.

"And now in regard to the great canal. Let us begin at Greytown, the port from the Atlantic coast and proceed with our account, from a traveler's point of view, towards Buto, the port at the western terminus. The entire length is  $169\frac{1}{4}$  miles, of which 142 miles is free sailing through broad and picturesque lakes, beautiful river valleys, and quiet, spacious basins;  $27\frac{1}{4}$  miles through an excavated channel, broad and deep enough to admit the large ocean vessels drawing 28 feet of water. On the east coast for  $9\frac{1}{4}$  miles the canal line runs through a low, flat, alluvial formation. It is a marsh that in recent geologic time has been stolen from the sea. We now come to the foot-hills of the eastern divide, and a system of locks begin. Three locks 650 feet long and 80 feet wide raise you to the summit level, and you are ready to sail peacefully over one of the largest and surely most beautiful fresh water lakes in the world. On the west coast, 9 miles of excavated channel, and a similar system of locks and basins, and your craft floats into the Pacific ocean.

"Detailed maps are now in possession of the company, that are the result of the combined surveys of several expeditions under entirely different promoters. It is to demonstrate the feasibility and practicability of this great project that experienced engineers, men of rare culture and refinement, have donned canvas pants and leggings, and exposed themselves to all the dangers attendant upon pioneer engineering in an unexplored tropical forest. So complete and correct are the maps, that contracts for the construction of dams, railroads, and for making the eastern divide cut may be made in the New York office.

"It was for the purpose of conveying the heavy machinery to the divide cut, that a railroad has been partially constructed through what was supposed to be an impassable swamp, at the expense of \$60,000 per mile. This work was accomplished with great difficulty and danger, for men worked in water and mud to their arm pits, among snakes and alligators, and as was supposed, in the very incubator of yellow fever germs, but with impunity.

"The camp life of the engineers is a feature of the enterprise that cannot be compared to any phase of life in the north. They live in what are called thatched shacks, made on short notice from small trees, the bough of the palm making the roof. The couch is a cot made of palm-tree wood, or the more modern and more luxurious canvas bed stretched between two poles. A rubber pillow, a blanket and a mosquito bar constituted the bedding, and the mosquito bar is as inseparable from a man in Nicaragua as is his hat here.

"When the day's service in the field is finished, a party of from four to eight officers and from ten to fifteen natives plunge through the swamp and rivers and over mountains, over the trail they have made by their previous engineering work, and reach camp wet and muddy. They are soon all stripped and plunging into the river for their evening swim. That is the custom of the natives, and the foreigner soon acquires the same habit. Clean and dry, the hungry engineer sits down to a table of boards and stakes, made from boxes in which his canned provisions come to him from the land he always refers to as "God's country." When the evening meal is finished and field notes all copied, a palm or canvas bed is very inviting. One would lay himself down to think of the adventures of the past days, of the loved ones far up in the north. But soon the never-ceasing down-pour of rain on the thatched roof and the distant call of some bird or animal for its strayed mate, would induce sleep—"balmy sleep that knits up the raveled sleeve of care.

"The engineering world pronounces the canal project unimpeded by any obstacle except that of magnitude, which in this age of marvelous

undertakings, is a barrier only when it advances the cost of construction beyond remunerative returns.

"The distance between our ports on the Pacific and our ports on the Atlantic will be shortened one-half. In addition to the advantage to our domestic trade between the east and the west, the Nicaragua canal lies in the path of a large part of the world's commerce. A glance at a chart of the world shows that the canal line lies in direct route between Liverpool and Melbourne, Australia, Hong Kong, China, the East Indies and Japan, with an advantage in distance of at least 2,500 miles. Without here stating in the detail of figures, we gather from the most reliable and conservative estimates obtainable that the net income of the canal as proposed would yield an annual return of 15 per cent. on the largest estimate of the cost of construction, about \$107,000,000.

"Large bodies move slowly, and the financial world is not quick to forget the gigantic swindle perpetrated upon the French peasantry, which resulted in the melting away of millions of dollars with no practical benefit to mankind. The bursting of the Panama bubble left the financial world in a distrustful, incredulous frame of mind, and it will take some time to convince the more conservative capitalist that the Nicaragua route is physically passible and scientifically feasible. The best proof that I can bring to you of its feasibility is that such is the expressed opinion of friend and enemy of the scheme, after thoroughly investigating the project. That Grant and Garfield both endorsed the undertaking, and urged Congress to make appropriation, and that Senator Morgan and ex-Senator Miller have identified themselves with the project, should win the confidence of the American people. It has also been my pleasure to have seen engineers who have spent years of careful research in the field for every possible barrier to the final success of the canal, take stock in the company to the extent of their salary. Surely they had confidence in the proposed route, and they were in position to form an accurate judgment.

"The trans-continental traveler of the next

generation will journey through the completed Nacaragua canal. The opening of the forest will have lessened the rainfall, and the canal will have drained the swamp. The level and fertile plains of the east will have attracted the planter. At the junction of rivers embryonic cities will have sprung up. Southern lethargy and indifference will have been aroused by contact with northern energy and enterprise. The southerner will have learned a lesson in government from the northerner. He will have learned that it is not sound policy to place your affection and confidence in men rather than in institutions. Half civilized China, Japan and the Sandwich Islands will have been brought through the better commercial advantage into closer relations with the culture and refinement of the United States and Europe. Who can calculate the influence of such a government upon the progress of the world? At the close of the next generation, when the banks of the canal are dotted with hamlets, villages and cities, when the tributary rivers are highways to the richer and broader fields and industries of the interior, when a great part of the world's commerce will find shelter in the broad basins and a passage through the canal; then, and not until then, will the common conscience of the enlightened world realize some of the motives that have actuated the promoters of this gigantic enterprise."

HENRY D. MERCHANT, '93.

### Juniors o, Sophomores o.

The Juniors and Sophomores played a game of foot-ball Friday afternoon in the Starin Cup competition. After a hard contest, during which neither side scored, the game was declared a tie. The line-up was as follows:

'97.	POSITIONS.	'98.
Cotton.....	left end.....	Haviland
O'Neill....	left tackle.....	Parsons
Multer.....	left guard.....	Major
Bookhout.....	centre.....	McMillan
Sullivan.....	right guard.....	Brown
Wingate.....	right tackle.....	Barbour
Fuller.....	right end.....	Mallery
Hayes.....	left half-back.....	Vrooman
Cooper.....	right half-back.....	Sylvester
Williams.....	quarter-back.....	Cox
Pearse.....	full-back.....	Hoxie

Referee—Prof. Bennett, '90. Umpire—Capt. Beckwith, '96. Linesman—Jas. Herring, '96.

### The Freshman Class Banquet.

The class of '99 held its banquet on Friday evening, Nov. 8, at the Edison Hotel. It is a custom for the Freshman class to hold a banquet during its first term in college, and it is also a custom for the Sophomores to endeavor to keep as many Freshman as possible away from it, especially the officers, but this year every Freshman that wanted to go was there, although there were a few attempts to detain them.

It was after 9 o'clock when the invited guests and the Freshmen, numbering about fifty, headed by President Kellogg and Toastmaster Fox, entered the banquet hall. From then until two, college yells, songs and cheers made the life of the hotel guest miserable. Landlord Brown had prepared an excellent dinner, and it is needless to say that it was enjoyed by all. Following the feast of the inner man came the toasts, which were listened to intently by all, and each speaker acquitted himself with much credit. After the toasts were all responded to a few college songs were sung, and after informing Landlord Brown that "he was alright" the merry feast broke up with a George Washington that could be heard on college hill.

Among those present from the Senior class were C. W. Clowe, T. W. Anthony, D. H. Craver, A. S. Derby, C. L. Enders, R. B. Beattie, W. H. Hall, G. J. Dann, J. H. Dunham, R. S. Greenman and M. A. Twiford. From the Junior class were Paul Canfield, H. A. Frey, R. D. Fuller and H. C. Todd. Following is the menu and the toasts.

#### MENU.

	Blue Points.	
Celery.	French Rolls.	Lettuce.
	Cream of Celery Soup.	
Baked Blue Fish.	Potatoes, Parisienne.	
	Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.	
Mashed Potatoes.	Golden Beans.	
	Chicken Croquettes, Green Peas.	
Roman Punch.	Cigarettes.	
	Roast Partridge, Larded.	
Baked Sweet Potatoes.	Asparagus.	
	Cabinet Pudding, Cream Sauce.	
	Vanilla Ice Cream.	
Sponge Cake.	Chocolate Cake.	Fruit Cake.
Florida Oranges.	Bananas.	Malaga Grapes.
	Assorted Nuts.	Raisins.
	Domestic, Edam and Pineapple Cheese.	
Water Crackers.	Coffee.	

#### TOASTS.

**TOASTMASTER, - WILLIAM R. FOX, '99.**

"Now good digestion wait on appetite,  
And health on both."

**PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, W. G. KELLOGG, '99.**

**THE INNER MAN, - WILLARD J. STONE, '99.**

"Still o'er these scenes my memory wakes,  
And fondly broods with wiser care;  
Time but the impression deeper makes,  
As streams their channels deeper wear."

**THE GAME ON THE MORROW, -**

**C. L. ENDERS, '99.**

**COLLEGE DAYS, - D. HOWARD CRAVER, '96.**

"We must eat to live and live to eat."

**OUR FIRST EXPERIENCES, -**

**C. CLIFFORD LORD, '99.**

"I had rather have a fool to make me merry  
Than experience to make me sad."

**THE GUESTS, - RAYMOND D. FULLER, '97.**

"We welcome you here to-night merrily."

**CLASS POEM, - JOHN F. CREGAN, '99.**

"He says in verse what others say in prose."

**THE GIRLS WE LEFT BEHIND, -**

**ROBERT HALL, '99.**

"Thy picture in my memory now  
Is fair as morn and fresh as May."

**THE FACULTY, - R. B. BEATTIE, '96.**

"One leg is longer than it really ought to be."

**THE SOPHOMORES, GEORGE W. MEAD, '99.**

"Villians, smiling damned villians."

**ATHLETICS, - MAJOR A. TWIFORD, '96.**

"On track and field no peers have we."

**THE CLASS OF '99, GEORGE S. HAGGART, '99.**

"Unrivalled as thy merit be thy fame."

**OLD UNION, - HIRAM C. TODD, '97.**

"Mid ringing cheers,  
The tale of years,  
It's century is rounding."

**CLASS HISTORY, - G. C. ROWELL, '99.**

"Reverently we turn the pages of the past."

**OUR COLLEGE WIDOWS, W. H. HALL, '96.**

"For men may come, and men may go,  
But I go on forever."

Much credit is due the committee which had the arrangements in hand, for they surely did their work well. The committee was as follows: G. S. Haggart, H. Beardsley, L. C. Barry, L. R. Bradford and G. C. Rowell.

#### Squib.

The Kouta-Kouta dance is on the wane,  
Which the ministers deem such a moral curse,  
"Tis the poetry of motion," yet most people have  
a notion  
That the poetry's in very poor blank verse.

W. G. K.



### Union vs. West Point.

The Union-West Point game of foot-ball, which was played at West Point, Saturday, Nov. 16, resulted in a victory for West Point by a score of 16 to 0. It was one of the most hotly contested games of the season, and considering the crippled condition of the Union team, may be considered a very creditable showing.

The game was called at 3:30 o'clock, and the Union players were on the field promptly on time. Some minutes after the West Point players appeared. Capt. Beckwith insisted upon playing short halves, and after considerable discussion a compromise was made. It was decided to play 20 minutes in the first half and 15 in the second.

The ball started with a kick-off by Myers, who sent it far down into West Point's territory. It was caught and advanced about 20 yards, when Hayes and Blodgett succeeded in downing the runner. West Point then commenced a series of hard line plays, which were almost irresistible. The Union team was slowly forced back, but disputed desperately every inch of ground. West Point rarely made more than one or two yards to each play, and though they managed to get their first down repeatedly, they rarely had more than a foot to spare.

On their 15-yard line Union took a brace. The ball was won on four downs. It was passed to Myers, who bucked the line for 10 yards, but lost the ball. West Point again had the ball, but quickly lost it. The ball was now passed back to Stumpf and Myers for several good gains. It was again lost, however, on four downs. West Point then rapidly advanced the ball towards Union's line and pushed it over. No goal was kicked. Score, 4 to 0. The ball again went into play, West Point slowly pushing the Union line back. One of the West Point halves succeeded in breaking through the line and carried the ball within a foot of a touchdown, but the ball was carried back on account of holding in the line. Shortly after this time was called.

The ball was kicked to Myers, who ran 15

yards before being downed. Union tried to break through West Point's line, but with poor success. The ball was passed back to Stumpf for a kick, but the line was broken and the kick blocked. The ball bounded back over the line, and a West Point player fell on it. An easy goal was kicked. Score, 10 to 0. For the next ten minutes the playing was furious. The ball was won and lost by both sides. West Point tried for Union's right end and made 15 yards; then by a series of hard plays on Union's right guard again, forced the ball over for a touchdown. A kick out was made and a goal kicked. Score, 16 to 0.

West Point kicked the ball into Sweetland's hands, who had taken Stumpf's place at full-back. Union had the ball, but was unable to find a hole in West Point's line. The signal for a long pass was given. Myers caught the ball and made nearly 20 yards, but was called back on account of holding in the line. West Point was given the ball, and slowly forced the Union line back until the ball was about one yard from a touchdown. Time was then called. The total score was 16 to 0. The line-up was as follow:

WEST POINT.	POSITION.	UNION.
Nolan, Reisenger.....	left end.....	Mallery
Lott (Capt.).....	left tackle.....	Palmer
Humphrey.....	left guard.....	Willis
McCormack.....	centre.....	Terry
Berry.....	right guard.....	Blodgett
Foy.....	right tackle.....	Beckwith (Capt.)
Savage.....	right end.....	Crichton
Hoffman, King.....	quarter-back.....	Smith
Connor.....	left half-back.....	Hayes
Stacy.....	right half-back.....	Myers
Romeyn.....	full-back.....	Sweetland

Attendance—2,000. Touchdowns—Connor, King, Stacy. Goals from touchdowns—King, 2. Umpire—Mr. Jones, Union. Referee—Mr. Hankley. Linesmen—Messrs. Wade and Shelton.

For carrying water to the hill  
(They soon found that they must)—  
They organized with hearty will,  
The "Union Tank Line" Trust.

P. P. S. '98.

### Here and There.

#### FOOT-BALL REPORTERS.

The Albany *Argus* is the name of a paper published in Albany. It is the Democratic organ of this section of the country, and on the whole is a very good paper; but we would suggest that a new foot-ball reporter be engaged or that that department be dropped at once. In the account of our game with Williams, published in the *Argus* of Nov. 10, occur mistakes that any person who knows a foot-ball from a tomato-can has no cause to make. Throughout the whole account he says "Union took the ball on the fifth down." Now what school boy does not know that there is no such thing in foot-ball as the fifth down? It is absurd to write anything of the kind, but nevertheless Union did hold Williams for eight downs in the game, and then the referee said it was Williams' ball. Again he says, "Draper made an elegant run of 140 yards." Well, we all know that Draper is an excellent foot-ball player and a fast runner, but the *Argus* cannot tell us that Draper is going to run 140 yards on a foot-ball field when it is only 110 yards in length. If Draper had been in need of exercise, he might have run down and back a few times, just for the fun of it, but he had all the exercise he wanted that day. Again he says that Draper kicked for Williams and Sweetland caught the kick on Williams' five-yard line. Another miracle. In the first place Draper must have kicked behind him, and the next Sweetland must have been playing in the opposite end of the field from the rest of the Union team. We all know how likely either is to be so.

But to clap the climax of it all our *Argus* reporter says that the Union team was escorted by two tally-hos containing members of the *Ki Si* and *Hic Enra* fraternities. Well, has it come to this? When a man can't tell a college yell from the name of a Greek letter fraternity something surely must be wrong; but perhaps the *hic* that he gave to the fraternity may have come from himself. He heard the boys on the two drags give the Union yells resembling these two names, and mistook them for the members yelling the name of their own fraternity. His knowledge of Greek must be even worse than his knowledge of foot-ball. If a man attempts to do a thing, it is generally a good plan for him to know at least a little something of what he is going to do. A man cannot write up a foot-ball game unless he knows the game any more than he can write a technical essay without knowing his subject in every particular. The mistakes made in that article were entirely unexcusable, and they shed a bad light on the paper itself.

#### THE FRESHMAN BANQUET.

The Freshman banquet has come and gone, but the effects of it still remain, and the remembrances of it to some will probably last for a long time. For many weeks the thought of when that banquet was going to be held had been in the minds of nearly everybody in college. The Freshmen of course were more interested than anyone else, while the Sophomores did not for a minute take their "weather eye" off the committee in charge in the hope of finding out the time and place of the *spiel*. The Juniors all expected to be there, and the Seniors were kept guessing as to which ones would be invited. The anticipated time came, and everybody found out what he wished to know. The Juniors were not all there—no, not by any means; but a great many Seniors were.

The preliminary confusion that always characterizes a Freshman banquet began at about three in the afternoon and gradually increased until the time for the banquet to begin. The banquet did begin, and in the words of the ancient philosopher "It was a peach." But a banquet would count for naught if it were not for the flow of oratory and wisdom that always follows the feast of the "man on the inside" as the small boy said. First came the addresses of the toastmaster and the president, and I am sure if Chauncey Depew had been in the hall he would have dropped under the table in a faint and acknowledged that he was knocked out in the first round. These, as well as all the others, were scholarly and magnificent productions, and interspersed with the oratory and the denunciations of the Sophomores by the Freshmen speakers, were the words of wisdom from the upper classmen. The applause was deafening, and at times the speaker would be forced to stop in the middle of a sentence by the yip! yip! yip! yeh! of some enthusiast or the musical notes that came from the blows on a tin server. But we must not forget the songs. There was lots of singing, and singing of the best sort. The Grecian dreamed many times that evening of seeing the streets of Cairo while Uncle John was deciding what he thought of Broadway and drinking Hunyadi water. 'Twas a great banquet, and may the class of ninety-nine ever prosper.

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Guy H. Miller, '94 and H. B. Van Duzer, ex-'96, have been visiting friends on the hill. The former is a member of the state engineering corps and the latter has a position on one of the Elmira papers.

### President Raymond's Address to the Tri-County Council in Amsterdam.

The Amsterdam *Democrat* says of Dr. Raymond's address to the Tri-County Council at Amsterdam, on Nov. 2, that the following were some of the central thoughts :

"As a nation we have been making money; but that is no charge against us. The very first law of nature is physical development. Material resources are to the nation what the body is to the child. Money making is possible in so far as men are selfish. In the process of money making, a man must put his own interests first, or he will not make much. In private life we cannot say anything against that, but in public life it becomes a great evil. There is great need of men who are capable of taking charge of public affairs and public offices, and I believe in the education of, and the training of men who will be able to take broad views of the vital questions of government, without being influenced and controlled by self-interest. Until this time shall come, we will be in the hands of partisans, demagogues, and men who are unfit to rule in this great civilized America. On the plain these are different counties, but on the mountain top there is but one country. We need men who are trained to comprehend the questions that are presenting themselves from day to day for solution. Government seeks to regulate the relations between man and man from without. There is something in every man which makes him the brother of every other man. Sociology is the science of humanity. The family idea is at the head of the base of all peace. Every age has its own central truth. The idea of the Reformation was individual liberty. Every social movement is a protest against unbridled liberty. Every man has a right to believe as he pleases. He has more than a right, he is under obligation to bring other man to believe as he believes. The title of greatest nobility in America is not merchant, prince, nor yet scholar, nor yet gentleman; but the title of greatest nobility is citizen.

After the address, a business session was held, and President Raymond was elected an honorary member of the council.

### The Second Junior Hop.

The second Junior hop of the season, which was held in Memorial Hall last Friday evening, was even better than the first one. The fact that the night was a stormy one probably kept some away, but it was a very pleasant party and everybody had an excellent time. For once in the history of Junior hops there was an abundance of girls, and the committee are to be congratulated on this.

A change was made in the music this time, and it was a very acceptable one to all. Gioscia of Albany, the peerless Gioscia, furnished the music, and it could not have been better. The time was perfect, and to use an expression heard several times during the evening, "One cannot help dancing to this music." There were 24 numbers on the program, and it was two o'clock when the pleasant party broke up.

Among those present from out of town were Mrs. Tucker and Miss Tucker, of Albany; Miss Lefferts, of New York; Miss Collier, of Clinton; Miss Barber and Miss Sharpe, of North Adams; the Misses Graves, of Albany.

From the city were Miss Rachel Yates, Miss Susan Yates, Miss Dora Yates, Miss Hettie Yates, Miss Walker, Miss Carrie Davis, the Misses Beattie, Miss Hunter, Miss Madge Campbell, Miss Clute, Miss Frame, Miss Kosboth, Miss Horstman, Miss Watkins, Miss Clare, Miss Darling, Miss Hamilton, Miss Sykes, Miss Eugenia Young, Dr. and Mrs. Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Waite, Mr. and Mrs. James Van Voast, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Winans and Mrs. Stoller.

### Personal and Local.

The idol has received a fresh coat of paint.

Bowers, '97, is slowly recovering from typhoid fever, in the Ellis Hospital.

Agillera, '99 has left college and will return to his home at Havana, Cuba.

Beardsley, '99, Fox, '99, Allen, '98, have been initiated into the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

The Albany *Evening State* had the best newspaper report of the Union-Williams game.

Work is progressing on the foundation of Prof. Patterson's new residence on the college grounds.

There was no meeting of the Philomatheans the day of the Williams-Union game. All the boys went to Albany.

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THE LAST Junior hop was one of the best ever given at Union.

WE WILL have to swallow it—14 to 6—but it goes down hard.

REGISTER in the competition for positions on the board of THE CONCORDIENSIS.

DID YOU go to the Junior hop? If you did not, you ought to have gone. It was the best of the season.

ARE WE not to have the library open during the Thanksgiving recess? We should have it open at least part if not all of each day.

HOW MANY Freshmen have not registered for THE CONCORDIENSIS competition? You ought to do so at once. Remember, the first of December is the date for closing the registration.

WE WOULD suggest to Walter Camp that before next year's foot-ball rules are made out he would apply to the referee of the Union-Williams game for suggestions. He might be of great aid to the committee on rules.

THE STUDENTS all did themselves proud in the line of yelling at the Williams game, and there is no chance for complaint in their support of the team. There should be just as large a crowd and just as much enthusiasm at the Wesleyan game.

WE ARE very much in need of funds, and we hope all those who can will pay their subscriptions as soon as possible. We realize that this has been a term when there has been a constant call for money, but we are having that call a great deal oftener than the students. We must get out the paper, but we must have the funds for which to pay for it when it is printed. Can't you help us out a little?

WHAT is the matter with having the person who has charge of the tennis courts take care of the nets? There are four good nets now on the courts, and the probabilities are that they will remain out all winter. They are now in excellent condition, but if allowed to remain there through the winter they will be worth little in the spring, and the college will be called upon to buy new ones. Why not exercise a little economy and take care of those things that are worth something? It will pay in the end.

THE ALBANY *Argus* seems to be doing what it can to hurt Union. In the issue of Nov. 10 it says: "At a meeting of the management of the Williams College eleven held in the Kenmore Hotel last night, it was decided not to meet Union again under any circumstances. In the words of Captain Hinkey, 'We refuse to meet any college that will stoop to such petty acts as Union did this afternoon.' This is a base falsehood, and the *Argus* had no authority to print it. To prove this Manager Terry, of the track team, met in the evening the manager of the Williams team, and a meet was arranged to take place in May between



the Union and Williams track teams. Albany, it seems, is desirous of having Union moved to Albany. How can she expect the sympathy of the college, and especially the undergraduate body, when her press is seemingly doing everything in its power to injure the reputation of the name of Old Union?

OUR TEAM should not be disheartened, and it is not. Saturday we are to meet Wesleyan, and every man is going into the game with only the one thought in his mind, and that is of winning. Although the team is somewhat crippled, as a whole it is in good form, and we are going to win. We beat Wesleyan last year, and we can do it again. One thing, however, is certain, and that is that a fair set of officials will act at the game.

WE NOTE with much pleasure the improvement in the choir at chapel of late. In some colleges this is a great feature of the musical organization, and the choir practices every day the songs it is to sing the next. Here at Union we cannot expect so much interest to be shown in it, but we ought at least to have a choir which consists of the best talent in college. May the improvement be pushed still further.

THE ARTICLE by Henry D. Merchant, '93, concerning facts taken from a lecture by "Father" W. G. Brown, '95, is a very interesting one. It is carefully prepared, and gives one an exact representation of the state of things connected with the great canal which is as yet unfinished. The man who is practically at the head of the enterprise, Warner Miller, is a Union man, and he expects to see the canal finished. We are sure the article will be of interest to all.

WE WERE very glad to see an increase in the number of students at the last Junior hop. These hops are a college institution, and while we do not advocate a strict exclusion of every one except students, we think the students ought to be in a great majority at them. They are a great aid to the student in many ways, and if once a person gets into the habit of going, he can get a great deal of enjoyment out of them. The last hop was an excellent one, and a person could not help having a good time. At the next one, which is to be given on December 13, we hope to see a still greater increase in the number of students.

THE RESULT of the game with Williams in Albany on Saturday, Nov. 10, was a disappointment, which we make no attempt to conceal. No one questions that the superiority of our team was shown in the first half, or as long as opportunity was afforded for real foot-ball. The fact that the second half was played in the dark made it anything but a trial of skill, and opened the way for serious misunderstandings. We appreciate the difficulties that beset the referee. When it was hard to see the ball a few yards away, and we cannot question his desire to deal fairly with both sides, but two of his decisions at least were in such direct opposition to the rules governing the game that it is only natural we should feel that we are suffers, either through his ignorance of the rules or his confusion of mind at critical moments. If it were only a question of judgment, no reference whatever would be made by us to these decisions, but there is no unreasonable complaint in our claims that had the accepted rules been followed the final score would have been materially different.

THE CONCORDIENSIS has been obliged to drop the four extra pages that were added to the paper a few weeks ago, and for this reason: When we made the addition it was for the purpose of giving the graduate departments of the University a representation, believing that they would appreciate it enough to give the paper in return some support, if not very much. We have tried every means to get the students of the Medical and Law departments interested, and our representatives there have worked hard and earnestly for the same result, but there seems to be no enthusiasm at all concerning the matter. Out of both departments with a list of students numbering about 300 we have five paid subscriptions. Ever since the present Senior Class has been in college, and we do not know long before, there has been a constant cry from the Albany departments for a closer relationship between the college and themselves. The college, too, desires it, and that fact to a great degree led us to suppose that we would receive the support of the Albany departments. As we said in a former issue, we hoped THE CONCORDIENSIS would be able, by giving them a representation, to draw all the parts of the university into a closer relationship and establish a fraternal bond that would be lasting. We tried the plan, and when the Medical and Law departments were called upon to give us their support, they refused. It is well enough to talk about a closer relationship, and all that, but as long as they will not support a University organ it cannot and will not come. We regret very much that we will not be able to continue to run the four extra pages, for we realize that it makes the paper wonderfully better, but if we did so, it would be at a great loss to us. We shall, however, try to make up in quality what we have dropped in quantity, and we think we can do so. We shall give the graduate departments some space, for we feel that it is to the interest of the University to do so; but hereafter they will not be represented as before.

### Union vs. Williams.

On Saturday, Nov. 9, Union met Williams at Ridgefield, in Albany, and it was on a whole one of the most unsatisfactory games ever played by any college teams, notwithstanding the fact that the first half was one of the best exhibitions of scientific foot-ball ever seen in Albany.

The day was dark and cloudy, but the threatening rain of the morning held off until after the game was finished. For the players the weather was alright, but for the spectators it was disagreeable, and many diseases lurked in the damp and cold air. This, no doubt, kept many away from the game, but notwithstanding this fact there were about 2,000 people on the grounds when the teams lined up. The fair sex as usual were there in great abundance, and they nearly all wore the colors of their favorite college. The Williams men were not very plentiful, but Union had a large delegation present, and they made things lively with their college yells and songs. The garnet was in great profusion, and there was lots of royal purple to be seen in the crowd. There were many private turn-outs on the field, and two drags filled with Union men and decorated with the garnet made a pretty appearance.

Two thirty-five minute halves were played, and as we said before, the first half was an excellent exhibition of scientific foot-ball. For 34 minutes each team struggled to gain the supremacy over the other, but at least three-quarters of the playing was in Williams' territory, and Union finally within one minute of time pushed Sweetland over for a touchdown. Pandemonium reigned, and every Union man went crazy with joy. Hats and canes were thrown into the air, and for five minutes one continuous yell resounded from one side of the field to the other, and echoed and re-echoed on the hills beyond. Everybody thought that Union had the game won, for she had outplayed Williams at every point.

After Sweetland had been pushed over the line for the touchdown he was used rather roughly and had his back badly twisted. He had to retire, and Stumpf took his place. Lyon in the last half twisted his ankle very badly, tearing away some of the tendons, and he will be able to play no more. Sommer took his place.

#### THE GAME.

At 3:30 the ball was placed in the center of the field and Union lined up for the kick off. Buck kicked and Draper captured the ball on Williams' ten yard line. He started up the field but was soon downed; but Williams played

rapidly and had now advanced the ball far into Union territory. However by this time Union's team had become warmed up and held Williams for four downs. Once in possession of the ball it did not take long to rush around the ends and through the centre until the ball was within ten yards of Williams' goal; but here Union lost the ball. From that time there were no long rushes up and down the field, but both teams worked with every energy they possessed and the result was that the ball moved only a few yards in either direction. It was a fine exhibition of foot-ball. But in the closing minutes of the half the Union team made a grand rally and under the vigorous exhortation to "tear 'em up," Lyon, Myers and Sweetland made great gains through the line, and one minute before time was called, Sweetland was pushed through the centre for a touchdown. Buck kicked the goal and the half closed with the score 6 to 0 in Union's favor.

After fifteen minutes of rest the second half began. There was such a dense fog that it was evident that it would soon be dark. Draper kicked off and Union advanced the ball until a fumble gave it to Williams. Williams then punted and Union received the ball within three yards of the goal, gains were made by bucking the line, but by fumbling the ball was lost at 12 yards. Here, however, Union held Williams for eight downs but the ball was retained by Williams owing to a ruidg of the referee. Williams then succeeded in rushing it over the line for a touchdown but Draper failed to kick the goal. Score 6 to 4 in favor of Union.

The darkness had now become so dense that players could not be distinguished except that suddenly a form would be seen emerging from the mist with a score of other forms in hot pursuit. Under this cover Williams made two long runs securing two more touchdowns and one goal; making the score 14 to 6 in favor of Williams. Just at the close of the half Union made a run, secured a touchdown and goal, but the referee decided that the runner had gone out of bounds. To all it made it a very unsatisfactory closing of a game that had begun most interestingly. Summary:

UNION (6)	POSITION.	WILLIAMS (14)
Mallery.....	left end.....	Rutter
Palmer.....	left tackle.....	Backus
Blodgett.....	left guard.....	Lee
Terry.....	centre.....	McGowan
Buck.....	right guard.....	Lotz
Beckwith (Capt.)..	right tackle.....	Samoskoey
Crichton.....	right end.....	Ryan
Brown.....	quarter-back.....	Watson
Lyon, Sommer....	left half-back.....	James
Myers.....	right half-back.....	Street
Sweetland, Stumpf..	full back.....	Draper

Touchdowns—Sweetland, Draper, 3. Goals from touchdowns—Buck, Draper. Injured—Sweetland, Lyon. Umpire—Mr. Fleming, L. B. C. Referee—Mr. Louis Parker, R. A. C. Timers—Messrs. Emmons and Huyck. Attendance—2,000.

#### SOCIETY AT THE GAME.

Among the Society people of Albany who attended the game were the following, many of whom wore the garnet:

Mayor-elect Thatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. A. Whitney, Congressman Southwick and Miss Jean Davis, Mrs. Edward Hun, chaperoning a party consisting of Miss Lydia Hun, Miss Ellen Hun, the Misses Martin, Mr. Treadwell, Mr. Mac Miller, Mr. L. Miller and Mr. William Martin; Mr. Tillinghast, Miss Florence Tillinghast and Miss Jessie Luke, the Misses Woolston, Mr. Edward Gaus and Miss Edith Gaus, Mr. John Farrell and Miss Engel, Miss Minna Engel, Mr. Van Wormer and Miss Adams, Dr. and Mrs. Edward G. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cuyler, Mr. James H. Carpenter and Miss Carpenter, Prof. and Mrs. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wolworth Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith, Prof. and Mrs. Milne, Miss Cardoze, Miss Harris and Miss Mabel Whitney, the Misses Battershall, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Visscher, the Misses Wooster, Mr. Frank B. Gilbert, Judge D. Cady Herrick and Mrs. Herrick, Mr. William Hackett, Mr. Howard Rogers and Mr. Amasa J. Parker.

### THE ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

Mr. Fiero has received several copies of the report of proceedings of the first meeting of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, one of which he presented to the law school. The report contains the excellent address given by Mr. Fiero on "The Work of the State Bar Association," before the association at Philadelphia, last July. The many compliments received by Mr. Fiero from the leading lawyers of Philadelphia, which are also contained in the report, will be read with great pleasure by his friends, and the law students extend congratulations for this success in adding to his already exceptionally high standing as a lawyer.

The Moot Courts seem destined to become

the most popular department of the school. The cases argued thus far have been carefully prepared and well argued, the counsel and court never failing to gain distinction.

Since the last issue of THE CONCORDIENSIS three names have been added to the register: Willard E. Hoyt, of Williamstown, Mass.; John C. Donnelly, of Troy, N. Y.; James McPhillips, Friend's Lake, N. Y.

Mr. Brendell, class of '93, of Buffalo, was a visitor of the school one day last week. In his remarks to the boys he said that he attributes his success largely to his training received at the Albany Law School.

The prospects for a glee club are very bright; there is plenty of first class material, which only needs proper management. All those interested should manifest it.

Stumpf's absence from lectures several times last week was caused by over indulgence in foot-ball at Ridgefield, the 9th inst.

Several of the students are looking anxiously forward to the coming Thanksgiving vacation.

Father Brown's speeches was the cause of it. What? Republican landslide.

### ALBANY MEDICAL COLLEGE.

#### Senior Class Election.

The election of officers for the graduating class was attended with great excitement. The meeting was held in the chemical lecture room, and was presided over by E. A. Palmer. After the regular order of business the following officers were elected:

President, Albert C. Baxter, of Parish, N. Y.; vice-president, John W. Jennings, of Lassellsville, N. Y.; secretary, John J. Dever, of Fort Edward; treasurer, Roscoe J. Taylor, of Mexico; marshal, Walter M. Clark, of Adams, N. Y.; orator, Julius W. Blakeley, of Milford, N. Y.; poet, Rudolph F. Diedling, of Catskill, N. Y.; historian, Thomas A. Rogers, of Vergennes, Vt.

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Dec. 3—"In a Big City."

Dec. 4—"The Capital," which just closed a two month's engagement at the Standard Theatre, New York.

Coming soon, A. M. Palmer's company of eighty people in "Little Christopher," from the Garden Theatre, New York.

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Maybon, '98, has gone home sick.

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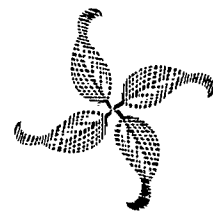
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## Among the Magazines.

Foreign affairs naturally have more than usual prominence in the November *Review of Reviews*. In the "Progress of the World," the department of that periodical in which the editor rapidly reviews the events of the preceding month, the possibilities of war in the far East are pointedly set forth. Another theme suggested in the same connection is the progress of Christian missions in the Orient. The prospects of Japan and Russia as Eastern powers are tersely discussed. The editor also comments briefly on the relations of Russia and France, the Italian celebrations, the French victory in Madagascar, the Cuban situation, and British policy in Venezuela. Among home topics of the month, the coming elections, the condition of New York politics, the anti-prize-fight campaign in the Southwest, and the educational outlook are selected for treatment. An illustrated account of the recent General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at Minneapolis, also appears. Among the illustrations are portraits of Bishops Whipple, Coxe, Neeley and Doane; Dr. Morgan Dix, of New York; Dean Hoffman, of the General Theological Seminary, and a composition photograph of the House of Bishops. There are also views of Minneapolis churches and other buildings.

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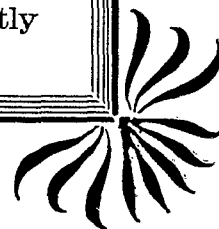
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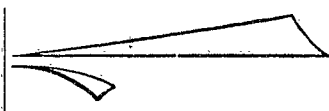


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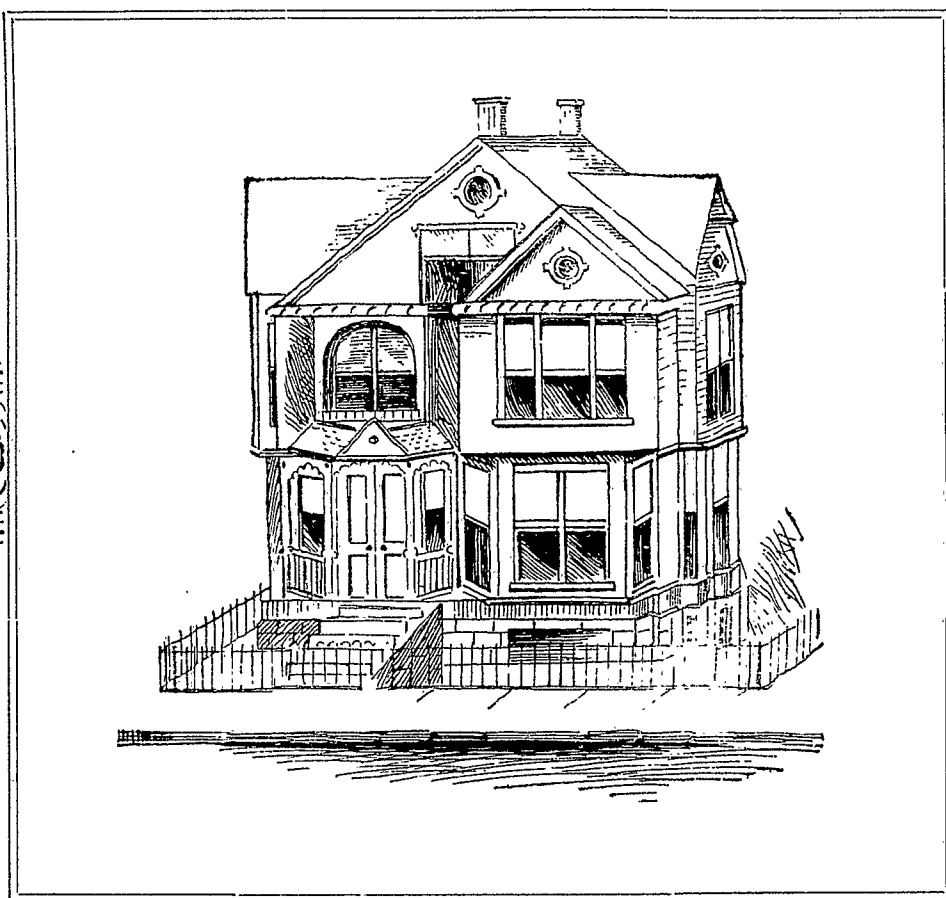
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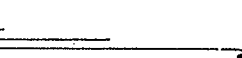
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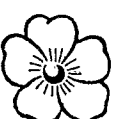
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