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THE NEW YORK ALUMNI DINNER.

"What's the matter with Alexander?" "He is all right." "Who is all right?" "Alexander is all right." "What Alexander?" "Why, Bob Alexander." This was the cry at the Union alumni banquet at Delmonico's, New York, Thursday evening. And the boys were right, Alexander *was* all right. No one man was more anxious for a successful evening than Robert C. Alexander, and none was more happy when the fifth annual banquet of the New York Alumni Association was pronounced the biggest and best in its history.

The alumni commenced to gather at Delmonico's soon after 6 P. M., and a business meeting was held before the banquet. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, General Daniel Butterfield, '49; vice-president, Rev. Dr. George Alexander, '66; treasurer, William C. Roberson, '77; secretary, Edgar S. Barney, '84; executive committee, Frank A. DePuy, '77, and C. V. Anable, '81.

The diners did not settle down to their work until after seven o'clock, and then not until they had covered their heads with garnet mortar boards, provided by General Butterfield, the president of the association. These were placed in large envelopes, on the outside of which was printed the menu, which although in Latin, was so liberally illustrated that none could make a mistake as to what they were eating. The Song to Old Union, a list of the toasts and illustrations of the college grounds also decorated the envelopes.

On the speakers table was a clever model of the college grounds and buildings. The old elm on the campus, the base ball diamond, north and south colleges, Memorial hall and Washburne hall, and last but not least, the

terrace. Everything was represented. The tables were arranged in the form of a monster letter "U" and garnet carnations on the tables formed the letters of the words "Union College."

General Butterfield, as president, sat on an eminence, and on either side of him were seated the following distinguished guests: General Horace Porter; Dr. William Wells; ex-Senator Warner Miller; Charles Emory Smith, editor of the *Philadelphia Press*; Wm. H. McElroy, of the *New York Tribune*; Rev. Dr. A. V. V. Raymond, president of the General Alumni Association; ex-Governor Alexander H. Rice; Fred. W. Seward, ex-Assistant Secretary of State; Rev. Dr. George Alexander; Rev. Dr. Charles D. Nott; John H. Starin and Rev. Dr. William Irwin, of the Board of Trustees.

Ample justice was done to the Latin feast, while the orchestra and the college glee club furnished the music. When everyone had satisfied themselves with good things, General Butterfield arose to open the literary part of the entertainment. His first words caused a ripple of astonishment and his audience could hardly believe their ears. "*Ave, Concordia; Collegii Concordiensis alumni confrates delecti*" — began the brave soldier, but he did not get any farther. Warner Miller and Dr. Raymond sprang to the rescue and persuaded, by sundry vigorous pulls on the general's coat-tails, him to come down to English. After a few preliminary remarks the general called on Dr. Wells, representing President Webster to speak, propose the first toast and call upon some one to respond.

Dr. Wells called upon Dr. Raymond to respond to the toast "Old Union" after making a few happy observations of his own. Uncle Billy related a harrowing tale of some person-

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age who didn't hear of Union College nowadays. "Well, all I can say, if you haven't heard of Union College, where were you at?" was his effectual way of disposing of any such erratic character.

Dr. Raymond responded nobly, the principal part of his discourse being his endeavor to establish a connection between the garden of Eden and Union by sundry amazing arguments. The reverend divine admirably illustrated his points and he successfully demonstrated that Cain was Union's first graduate.

A. W. Gleason of Brooklyn called upon George T. Hughes to respond to the toast "Young Union." Mr. Hughes spoke for the undergraduates and assured the audience that if they subscribed to THE CONCORDIENSIS, they would never be caught in the predicament of the man told of by Dr. Wells, but would always know "where they were at."

Ex-Governor Rice started to introduce a speaker to respond to the toast "Sons of Old Union," but he forgot he was making an introduction and to everyone's delight made a speech of his own. One experience of his college life which he related was particularly amusing. They studied history in those days and Rice was in the class. Not having had time for preparation at one time he concluded to rely on his general knowledge of the subject. Whereupon the instructor propounded to him the question: "What became of Gustavus Adolphus?" Well, Alexander didn't know, but he thought he could find out, so to gain time, he said: "What was the question?" and meanwhile passed the inquiry down the line among the members of the class to his right, but none knew. Again the future governor professed his inability to understand what was wanted and this time passed the question down the line to his left, but still no information could be gleaned, so the third time he was asked what became of Augustus Adolphus, he replied: "I believe he died."

Mr. Rice introduced the Hon. Fred. W.

Seward, who also had a story of his college experience to tell. The class in surveying undertook to measure the distance between north and south colleges. They made this startling report to the professor: "the distance from south college to north college we find to be 15 chains, and the distance from north college to south college is 18 chains and 47 links." This report remarkable as it is from a mathematical point of view, Mr. Seward assured his hearers, explained one thing — why it took so much longer to get to chapel than to get away again.

Mr. Seward was followed by Gen. Porter, who responded to "Academic Union," and Warner Miller on "Reunion."

Wm. H. McElroy made the speech of the evening, responding to the toast "Communion." The brilliant editor of the *Tribune* told anecdote after anecdote and kept the audience in a roar of laughter. He said he had a criticism to make on Dr. Raymond. He had found by an Albany paper that Dr. Raymond had lately preached a sermon on "Who is Melchizedek?" "Now that is not the question" said Mr. McElroy. "The real question is if Melchizedek had voted the Republican ticket on the 8th of November last, what would have been his language on the 9th?" Still pursuing his political trend of thought he related how a man was squelched, who entering the *Tribune* building on the 9th of November, declared that all was not lost, as Pennsylvania was safe. This man reminded him of the Montana farmer, who while riding an enthusiastic young colt was thrown to the ground. His friends sent a dispatch to the widow, announcing that Jim had broken his arm and neck. She had hardly finished reading the first telegram, when a second came as follows: "Dear madame, the first dispatch was grossly exaggerated; Jim has broken his neck, but his arm remains intact." Mr. McElroy told a good story of his friend Charles Emory Smith, the editor of the *Philadelphia Press*, who was sitting next to him at the table. An enter-

prising young poet sent to the *Press* a sonnet, entitled "Why Do I Live?" by Adolphus. He watched in vain for its appearance in print, but finally found the following note: To Adolphus—You sent us a sonnet, entitled "Why Do I Live?" You sent it by mail, Adolphus, and the reason you live is because you did not bring it in person.

Charles Emory Smith was the last speaker, responding to the toast "American Union." He spoke in a more serious view than the others, but his remarks were deeply appreciated, both for their intrinsic value and for the magnificent oratory with which they were delivered.

The banquet broke up early Friday morning with the Song to Old Union, and the alumni dispersed well pleased with the evening's pleasures.

NOTES.

—S. G. Parent, of the senior class, occupied a seat at one of the tables.

—The glee club gave free concerts on the boat going to and returning from New York. They had an appreciative audience.

—The following were the members of the glee club present: Gillespie, '93; McAlpine, '93; Auchampaugh, '94; A. J. Braman, '94; S. T. Braman, '94; Vossler, '95; Beattie, '96, and Kelley, '96.

—The great thoughtfulness of Dr. Webster was shown in his request that nothing be said about the death of his daughter, in order not to cast a shadow over the occasion, and the only reason announced for his absence, until the dinner was all over, was that of illness in the family. When the announcement was made, expressions of regret were heard on every side.

—The following telegram was received during the evening:

*To General Daniel Butterfield, Union College
Alumni Banquet Delmonico's, New York:*

The alumni members of the faculty send cordial greeting to all their brethren at Del-

monico's to-night, and especially Old Union's enthusiastic and sensible patron, General Butterfield; her genial and generous commodore, John H. Starin; her shrewd and tireless promoter, R. C. Alexander; and her eloquent and faithful advocate, Doctor Raymond.

Truax, '76; Ripton, '80; Wright, '82; Stoller, '84; Cole, '88; Winans, '88; Cummings, '88; Mosher, '90.

The following answer was received the next morning:

To Prof. Truax, Union College:

We had a first-class reunion last night and alumni faculty telegram put the climax on our good fellowship, so said we all of us.

BUTTERFIELD.

DEATH OF MISS WEBSTER.

Miss Jessie Webster, the elder daughter of President Webster, died of heart failure about five o'clock Thursday morning, December 8. Her death was a great shock to her family as well as the members of the faculty and the students of the college. Miss Webster had been in ill health for several years, but had been as well as usual lately and was seen on the streets Wednesday afternoon. She sat up late, reading, the evening previous to her death, and retired about twelve o'clock. Before retiring she bade her parents good night and did not complain of any illness at that time. About four o'clock that morning, Dr. Webster heard some one breathing heavily and on investigating found that his daughter was unconscious. She never rallied and expired soon afterward. Medical aid was summoned but it was of no avail.

Miss Webster's death casts a gloom over the entire college. While of a very retiring disposition, she had many friends and her untimely end has occasioned great sorrow.

The first intimation the students had of the death of Miss Webster was at the chapel exercises the next morning, when it was announced by Dr. Whitehorne. The venerable dean of the college was very much affected

and could scarcely restrain his emotion. The faculty held a meeting immediately after chapel, at which it was decided to discontinue college until Monday, as a token of respect to Dr. Webster.

Each class held a meeting and took such action as to them seemed suitable. At 9:15 a college meeting was held in the chapel. The students decided to attend the funeral in a body; a committee consisting of Conde, '93, Hoxie, '93, Campbell, '94, Brown, '95, and Parsons, '96, was appointed to procure some floral design. Lippincott, Lines and Glen, were appointed as a committee to wait on President Webster and to extend to him the cordial sympathy of the students, at the same time offering their services in any form.

The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, December 10th, and was very largely attended.

The services were plainly but impressively conducted. Rev. A. Russell Stevenson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated. Rev. Dr. Darling also took part in the services. A quartette from the college glee club rendered "Abide With Me" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

The remains, which presented a life-like appearance, reposed in a white casket amid many floral tributes from friends. There were no pall bearers.

The interment was made in the college lot at Vale cemetery, by the side of the mother of deceased. The faculty and students of the college attended the last rites in a body.

THE SIGMA PHI CONVENTION.

The annual convention and banquet of the Sigma Phi Fraternity will be held in New York city, at Delmonico's, on January 4th. The convention will be one of the largest in the history of the fraternity. The Union chapter will be represented by Campbell, McFarlin and Veeder, '94, and Yelverton, Ward and Jackson, '96.

ALBON MAN.

A Sketch of the Last Lecturer.

Albon Man was born at Westville, Franklin county, N. Y., in 1826. His grandfather was Dr. Albon Man, first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin county, N. Y. His great-grandfather was one of the original proprietors of that county and a surgeon in the War of the Revolution, who married Annie Berry, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Berry, Lieutenant-Governor of Connecticut. The eldest son of the family was for generations a physician, down to the subject of this sketch, who chose the law as a profession.

He prepared for college at the Academies of Fort Covington and Malone, Franklin county, N. Y.; entered Union College in 1845 and graduated in 1849, and was elected member of the Phi Beta Kappa society; was admitted to the bar in the city of New York, February 5, 1852, having studied law in the office of his uncle, Albon P. Man, Esq. Returning to Franklin county, he was afterward elected District Attorney of that county, and at the outbreak of the War of the Rebellion, being Brigade Inspector of Militia in Northern New York, was ordered to Ogdensburgh and aided in organizing two regiments, which volunteered and were rendezvoused at that place, and finally went out himself as Major of the 98th New York Volunteers.

He resigned by reason of ill health in the summer of 1862, and was for some years afterward in Washington, having legal charge of the organization of national banks in the office of Comptroller of the Currency, and afterward was in the office of Secretary of the Treasury.

Returning to New York city in 1866, he was treasurer and business manager of the National Bank Note Company, and engaged in the practice of his profession. He was admitted as an attorney and counsellor of the Supreme Court of the United States, January 10, 1871. Having in the intervals of business, since leaving college, experimented and pur-

sued the study of electricity for recreation and pleasure, he, in 1877 or early in 1878, united with Mr. William E. Sawyer, an electrician, in a long series of experiments which resulted in the system of incandescent electric lighting, known as the Sawyer-Man system, which showed the practicability of this use of electrical currents, and made known many of the principles and much of the apparatus which has made this art so successful and useful.

SHAKESPEARE'S HAMLET.

PLAN OF READING.

Read through rapidly once to get the outline of the play as a whole, and to determine the relation of the different acts and scenes to the advancement of the main action.

Read again slowly to fix the points of the main characters, and to note special felicities of treatment, of sentiment, and of language.

Adopt some scheme of notation by which you can indicate the points above named in the margin of your texts, and afterward gather them up and put them together under their proper headings in your note books.

After you have formed your *own* conclusion, then read Gervinus, and make any extensions or modifications that may seem just. *Always give your chief thought to the endeavor to comprehend the main characters, and the few leading ideas of the play.* Everything else will then fall into its true subordinate place.

In the study of character observe what each personage does and says, and also what effect his actions and words have upon the conduct, the thoughts and feelings of the other persons of the drama. Note particularly any obvious contrasts of character, and any character-development that occurs.

Reflect upon the characters until they become *vivid realities* and until the central conception seems perfectly consistent with all their words and actions.

LITERATURE.

Gervinus — Bunnett's Translation Article, Hamlet.

Furness — Variorum Shakespeare.

Deighton — Annotated text. McMillan, Pub.

POINTS FOR INQUIRY.

1. Rank of the play in respect to originality and profundity.

2. The central idea.

3. Name the turning point in the plot, show the mistake of Hamlet, and the resultant involvement of the innocent in the doom of the guilty.

4. Make a very thorough study of the character of Hamlet, and, support your conclusions by adequate quotations from the play. Explain particularly: (a) His thought of suicide. (b) His delay in revenging his father. (c) His treatment of Ophelia. (d) Whether his madness is real or feigned. (e) Whether his character undergoes any change.

5. Show the chief character-contrasts in the play.

6. Who is the comical character of the play. Exemplify.

7. Quote some memorable passages.

8. Locate and explain the following:

(a) "A little more than kin, and less than kind."

(b) "To the manner born."

(c) "Recks not his own rede."

(d) "Though this be madness, yet there is method in't."

(e) "Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind."

(f) "To hold, as 'twere the mirror up to nature."

(g) "Let the galled jade wince, our withers are unwrung."

(h) "I must be cruel, only to be kind."

(i) "For 'tis the sport to have the engineer Hoist with his own petar."

(j) "There's a divinity that shapes our ends Rough-hew them how we will."

FOR READING AT THE MEETING.

Act II, Sc. II — l. (85 to 216.)

Act III, Sc. II — l. (1-41.)

Act III, Sc. III — 1. (35-98.)

Act III, Sc. IV — 1. (1-93.)

Act V, Sc. I — 1. (139-202.)

[These questions and references will not be printed on separate slips as heretofore. The members of the club, therefore, will provide themselves with copies of THE CONCORDIENSIS.]

LONGER HOURS.

Changes in the Library Rules.

At the last Faculty Meeting the application of the student's committee for certain changes in the Library regulations was presented and considered.

In accordance with the request the hours were extended so as to be hereafter from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 to 5:30 P. M., on every week day.

Measures were also taken to secure if possible the heating and lighting of the main room at an early day.

ELECTRICITY ELUCIDATED.

The lecture of December 2d was delivered by Albon Man, an alumnus of Union, class of '49 on "Electricity." Dr. Webster introduced the speaker, neither General Butterfield nor Dr. Raymond, through some misunderstanding being present.

The lecturer treated his subject in such a way as to prove in a manner completely satisfactory to his hearers, his own conversance with all the details of his theme. He discussed the various theories as to electricity and defined the units. The lecture was illustrated by charts.

The next Butterfield lecture will be delivered on the 6th of next month by Professor Rossiter W. Raymond, on "Industrial Education and the Elevation of Labor."

Prof. Ripton spoke at the Christian Association meeting December 13. The subject was "Prayer," a continuance of the discussion of the week before.

ADELPHIC.

The efforts made to revive the old Adeiphic Society are being crowned with success. At the meeting held December 3, Beckwith, '94; Barnes, '95; Mallery, '96; Lavery, '95, and Beckwith, '96, were elected and initiated members.

With White, '94, and Van Schaick, '95, as leaders on debate, the society went into a committee of the whole and discussed the question:

Resolved, That the enactment of the force bill as a law would be for the best interests of the country. The chairman after reviewing the arguments decided the debate in favor of the negative.

Dr. Linhart and Prof. Mosher were present, and have expressed themselves as very much pleased with the proceedings of the evening.

PHILOMATHEAN.

At a regular meeting of the Philomathean Society held Saturday morning, December 10, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Chas. W. Field, '93; vice-president, David N. Tallman, '93; treasurer, R. Van Beusekom, Jr., '94; secretary, Clarke W. Crannell, '95; curator, Russell S. Greenman, '96; judicial bench, Warren B. Lippincott, '93; N. Beckwith, '94; J. Forsyth Crawford, '95; executive committee, Emmet Sloat, '94; George L. Streeter, '95.

Reports were made by retiring officers and the following new members initiated: Van Beusekom, '94; Beckwith, '94; Sloat, '94; Payne, '95; Cass, '95; Eames, '95; Sanderson, '95; Crawford, '95; W. A. Johnston, '95; Crannell, '95; G. A. Johnston, '95; Streeter, '95; Greenman, '96.

The next regular meeting will be held in the society rooms, South College, the first Saturday of next term at 10 A. M. Prof. Hoffman will address the society on the best methods of conducting debate.

E. O. Smith, ex-Union '92, has been elected captain of the Wesleyan eleven.

QUOTATIONS.

The CONCORDIENSIS of Union, is attractive in appearance and well edited.—*The Occident*.

The CONCORDIENSIS of Union College is half filled with foot ball notes and full accounts of their various games.—*Purdue Exponent*.

According to THE CONCORDIENSIS the Union men were the chief factor in the recent Columbian celebration of our metropolis. "New York is a large city, but the students succeeded in covering most of it."—*The Sibyl*.

Union College has won the New York State inter-collegiate foot ball pennant. She celebrated in the old-fashioned way last week. The campus was brilliantly illuminated, and speeches were made by President Webster, and the captain and manager of the foot ball eleven.—*Syracuse University News*.

There are many evidences of the intense attention paid by the college students to the last political campaign. The CONCORDIENSIS of Union College contained three articles bearing upon the political questions as seen by three ardent supporters. These articles are entitled, a Republican, a Democratic, a Prohibitorist standpoint.—*Colby Echo*.

"Colgate is like James G. Blaine. They can both say: If we had been in it, the result would have been different." So says THE CONCORDIENSIS of Union College. The *Madisonensis* in behalf of Colgate makes its prettiest bow and says: "Thank you." Both Colgate and Mr. Blaine should feel highly honored by this very delicate compliment.—*Colgate Madisonensis*.

The *News* does not wish at this time to discuss the value of foot ball as a game, but it will say that such men as President Webster of Union College, President Jordan of Leland Stanford, Jr., University, President Harper and Prof. A. A. Stagg of Chicago University, Hon. Chauncey M. Depew and the leading educators and thinkers generally, give their hearty support and influence to the game of foot ball.—*Syracuse University News*.

Perhaps the most noticeable bit of college enthusiasm during the last month was manifested by the Alumni of Union College, on the trip of the Laura M. Starin when it followed the naval parade in the recent celebration, enjoying trustee John H. Starin's hospitality. All Union was there with many Union sisters, and by cheers and every other means they showed their appreciation of the unselfish and persistent work for the college interests of trustee Robert C. Alexander. Commodore Starin did a generous act in placing this vessel at the disposal of the alumni, and when, in the course of the parade, the boat on which he chanced to be drew near the Union boat, he was

discovered standing near the pilot house, and cheered and cheered to the echo. For many minutes every possible demonstration of affection and gratitude was given him across the waters. It has been my lot to observe and enjoy all sorts of college entertainments and college excursions, but it is not often that the president of an institution has been willing to lay aside his duties and his interests to encourage the students by his own presence, as did President Webster on this occasion. It lent dignity as well as interest to the trip, and I venture the belief that he enjoyed it as much as the youngest undergraduate or the oldest alumnus present.—Editor of "Peripatetic" in November *University Magazine*.

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The saddest news we have been obliged to chronicle this year, is the death of our president's daughter, Miss Jessie Webster. The affliction came so suddenly and unexpectedly as to add to the general grief. On such an occasion as this words spoken or written are more than useless. We can only express the heartfelt sympathy of the entire college to Dr. and Mrs. Webster in their sorrow.

"We don't want them here" says the librarian about our exchanges which some of the students desired to read.

The enterprising merchants of Schenectady advertise in your college paper. Those are the kind you want to patronize.

We owe our subscribers an apology for the delay in issuing this number. The examinations of the editors are to blame.

The price of THE CONCORDIENSIS for the balance of the college year is \$1.25. Now is the time to order a copy sent to your friends.

Union men are nothing if not original. A sophomore informed the professor of mathematics the other day that an ellipse was an oblong circle.

Every reasonable request of the Union students is attended to and whenever possible granted. Instance the lengthening of the library hours.

The accounts of the celebration committee have been audited at our office and found to be correct. We print the report of the committee in full.

We have no reason to complain of the interest taken in the freshman competition for positions on THE CONCORDIENSIS board. Sixteen men have registered.

All are invited to attend the discussions given by Professors Hoffman and Truax at the Philomathean and Adelphic halls respectively, next term. They will be interesting and instructive.

The total number of members of the New York Yale Alumni Association is now 535, which is said to be the largest of any alumni association in the United States.—*Daily Princetonian*.

The *Princetonian* is mistaken. The Union College Alumni Association of New York city contains 628 members, and it is probably the largest local alumni association in the United States. Union has over 500 graduates in New York and Brooklyn alone.

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WALNUT HILL, MASS., Nov. 25, 1892.

EDITOR OF CONCORDIENSIS:

It gives me great pleasure to read increasingly interesting numbers of Old Union's CONCORDIENSIS and also to enclose this check in payment for same.

Yours in Union,

N. G. KINGSLEY, '82,

The person who can read without a smile the communication from Washington printed in this number is devoid of a sense of humor.

General regret is expressed by those members of the senior class who have been taking European history with Professor Hoffman, at his announcement of the discontinuance of his class next term.

Fred Van Dusen, '79, is principal of the Ogdensburgh Free Academy, from which one of the brightest school papers we have seen comes to us. The Ogdensburgh *Academy* is a wide-awake newsy sheet.

The arranging of the schedule becomes harder and harder every term. Union men should appreciate the lack of afternoon and Saturday recitations, so common in other colleges. Professor Ripton occupies his vacation in working on the schedule of recitations for next term.

When the newspapers were terrifying their readers with accounts of the near approach of the supposed Biela comet, it was a Union University professor who first relieved their fears and showed the error of less accurate astronomers. We refer to Professor Lewis Boss of the Dudley observatory.

The Cornell *Daily Sun* and the Williams *Weekly* are still quarreling over the late foot ball game. The *Weekly* declared that the Cornell eleven used some of the most contemptable tricks for disabling men known to foot ball, and the *Sun* calls the editor of the *Weekly* an old woman. If our respected contemporaries would devote more space to recording the news of such live colleges as Williams and Cornell, and less to mud-slinging, it would reflect more credit on college journalism in general and the colleges represented in particular.

Don't hesitate about a Christmas present when you can have THE CONCORDIENSIS for the remainder of the college year for \$1.25.

A Union alumnus can do anything. When Martin Foy, Saratoga county's desperado, broke jail Thursday afternoon by threatening his jailer with a tin revolver, it was Irving W. Wiswall, a member of the class of '81, who recaptured him in less than an hour. '80 and '82 have always considered themselves the "most strongly organized" classes hitherto, but now they must yield the palm to '81.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1892.

MY DEAR SIR:

Permit me as one of your readers to congratulate you very heartily upon the article in a recent issue in regard to Mr. John H. Starin. Of all the many things, which I have seen in print in relation to that gentleman, the article in question is in every way the most satisfactory. A much more pretentious magazine than yours might well be proud of such a contribution.

Again congratulating you, not only upon this paper but upon the general make-up of your publication, believe me to be, with respect and esteem,

Yours,

HOWARD CARROLL.

TO THE EDITOR

"THE CONCORDIENSIS,"

Schenectady, N. Y.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

At the regular business meeting of the Christian Association, held November 29, the following change was made in the constitution:

The time of the election of officers was changed to the first meeting in the third term of the collegiate year. It was also added to the constitution that any student may become a member by signing the constitution.

Prof. Hoffman spoke at the regular meeting of December 6; subject, "The Reasonableness of Prayer"; reference, Phil. 4, 6 and 7.

Local and Personal.

Final examinations.

Cooke, '94, spent Friday in Saratoga.

January 3, is the opening day of the winter term.

Dougherty, ex-'93, visited old friends last week.

Wilson, '96, is ill at his home in Ogdensburgh.

Burbank, '93, preached at Bellevue, Sunday, Dec. 4.

McFarlin, '94, spent the two day's recess in Albany.

Sawyer, '95, visited friends in Utica recently.

Enders, '96, was visited by his mother Friday last.

G. F. Mosher, ex-'92, was in Schenectady this week.

Wood, '81, now of Albany, called on the hill Dec. 5.

The freshman class now numbers but about eighty men.

"Foot-Pads on the Hill" was newspaper imagination.

College was closed Thursday and Friday of last week.

The Adelpic society discussed the "Force Bill" Dec. 3.

A second photograph of the foot ball team has been taken.

J. N. Vedder, '95, has recovered from a long siege of illness.

A. Braman, '94, is again able to attend to his college work.

C. W. Field has been elected toast-master of the senior class.

E. T. Schwilk, '90, of Brooklyn, visited here a few days ago.

The Adelpic society's debate for December 10, was postponed.

Geo. Stewart, of Newark, visited Weeks, '95, on Wednesday.

The Junior hop appointed for last Friday evening was postponed.

Young's Astronomy will be the guide of the star gazers next term.

Examinations for conditional students were held Saturday, December 3.

The Glee club returned from the New York banquet, Saturday morning.

The "Hickety-hix" of ninety-six will be *permanent* if it lasts much longer.

The gymnasium is now open for general work from 3 to 5:30 P. M., every day.

F. P. Kinnear, of the Albany High School, was up to call on Eames, '95, recently.

W. D. Ward, Rutgers, '91, was the guest of his brother, Ward, '96, a few days ago.

Kelley, '96, while in New York with the Glee club visited with old friends there.

Charles W. Trumbull, '92, of Palatine Bridge, was on the hill again, Saturday.

✓Lewald, ex-Union '95, is at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York city.

Bayard Whitehorne, '82, was in town recently visiting his father, Dr. Whitehorne.

Kelley, '96, has been appointed director of the choir of the First Presbyterian church.

C. R. Smith, '94, spent Saturday and Sunday, a week ago, at his home, Tioga, Penn.

Sophomore essays on "Columbus's First Voyage" have been criticised and returned.

Iskanian, '96, will sell Turkish goods at L. A. Young's music store during the vacation.

Pildain, '96, who recently broke his arm in the gymnasium has nearly entirely recovered.

Fox, ex-Union '93, and now of the University of Michigan, is expected back next term.

Harry S. Estcourt, '87, now of the World's Fair commission, was in Schenectady recently.

Six hours of elective work will be required of the senior classicals and scientifics next term.

Any student may become a member of the Christian Association by signing the Constitution.

President Burke of the Shakespeare club has announced the following as executive committee: Morey, '93 (chairman); Cooke, '94; Lynes, '94; Crannell, '95; Eames, '95.

Several men have recently been called before the President in regard to chapel absences.

The Philomathean society has re-organized and will begin active work the first thing next term.

Mr. Woodman, formerly of the Harvard eleven has been spending a few days with Perkins, '94.

G. V. Smith, '94, has been obliged to return to his home in Tioga, Penn., on account of continued illness.

Rev. Mr. Thrall, of the Lutheran church of this city, conducted the chapel exercises, Friday, Dec. 2.

Yanney, '95, lifted 835 lbs. in the physical examinations. Myers, '96, is next with a record of 830 lbs.

Dr. Linhart commenced his regular gymnastic classes, and also classes in fencing and boxing last week.

L. D. Thornton of Kalamazoo, Mich., was on the hill December 1st, the guest of Hall and Webster, '96.

Cooper and Lines were appointed a committee on class photographer for the seniors last week Monday.

Candidates for base ball manager are: Auchampaugh and White; for foot ball manager, McFarlin.

Skating has been engaged in to quite an extent lately and polo clubs are organized and already at work.

The Phi Delta Theta society held its ninth anniversary banquet Friday evening, Dec. 2, at the Barhydt house.

Theta Delta Tau initiated members from the Freshman class, December 2. The society was founded here in 1890.

Officers of Adelphic society are: President, E. Burke, '93; vice-president, Fairlee, '93; secretary, Bissell, '95.

Prof. Lamoreaux addressed the Schenectady common council, on Tuesday, December 13th, on the subject of the proposed extension of the Schenectady Street Railway company.

J. H. Seeberger, ex-Union '95, has recently been appointed business manager of the Lansingburgh *Courier*.

"The Chief Requisites of an Orator"—Philomathean hall, January 7, at 7 o'clock, P. M., by Professor Hoffman.

Several new members were admitted to the Butterfield society at its last meeting. The next meeting will be held January 7.

The "Union" polo team is made up as follows: Bradt, '93; Baldwin, '94, (Capt.); Prest, '96; Melius, '96; Campbell, '96.

G. M. Scofield, '96, who has been detained from college by the sickness of his brother, L. M. Scofield, was on the hill last week.

A box at Harmanus Bleeker Hall, Albany, was occupied by Union men December 5, when Sothorn appeared in "Capt. Litton."

Manager Lines attended the meeting of the State inter-collegiate foot ball association and received the award of the pennant, Saturday.

"A Few Practical Suggestions on the conduct of Debates" by Professor Truax, January 14, at the Adelphic rooms, 7 o'clock P. M.

C. W. Clowe, '93, recently gave a few college friends a dinner at the hotel Edison in honor of a happy event in his life of a late date.

The Y. W. C. T. U. lecture of December 6, was delivered by Rev. H. C. Hinds, '82, in the First Baptist church. Subject: "Loose Screws."

The cut of Captain Allen has been requested and sent to the Amherst *Student* for use in its columns. Allen is a '91 graduate of that college.

Professor Brown will have charge of the seniors in Astronomy next term and Dr. Wright will hereafter teach the classes in Applied Mechanics.

The sophomore soiree committee has been appointed as follows: Day, chairman; Vossler, Ayrault, Cook, Richards, Bissell, Hulbert, VanderBogert, Clarke.

Gymnasts of all kinds, fencers and boxers are taking advantage of the gymnasium facilities now offered, and Dr. Linhart is kept busy, instructing them.

Professor A. S. Wright has been elected superintendent of the East Liberty Street Mission Sunday School connected with the First Reformed church.

The class in conversational French, under Professor Mosher, is making rapid progress. During next term it will be addressed by members of the faculty and others.

"The Reasonableness of Prayer" was discussed by the Christian Association, December 6, under the leadership of Professor Hoffman. Professor Ripton took charge of the last meeting.

The Shakespeare club held its first meeting of the year, Friday evening, December 2, in Professor Hoffman's room. "The Tempest" was the play discussed. The attendance was the largest ever had since the organization of the society. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, E. Burke, '93; Vice-President, Esselstyn, '93; Secretary, Hulbert, '95; Treasurer, Van Schaick, '95.

ALUMNI ALLUSIONS.

'28.

✓ Rev. Edwin Bronson died Nov. 3, 1892, at Arnot, Tioga Co., Pa.

'47.

✓ Derrick Lane of Troy, died December 14th. The deceased was 65 years of age and was a descendant of one of the oldest families of Troy.

'49.

✓ Eli S. Bailey is reported to have died at his residence at Clinton, Iowa, November 8, 1892.

'55.

✓ Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson has returned from Alaska, the field of his missionary labors, for his usual winter visit. He denies the newspaper story of his assassination, by the natives, published generally last summer, and reads his numerous obituary notices with pleasure and gratification.

'61.

✓ Hon. John Andrew Barnes, of Decatur, Ill., has been appointed U. S. Consul to Chemnitz, Saxony.

'69.

✓ E. L. Jenks is now located at Scranton, Pa. He was the engineer of the Scranton branch of the Ontario & Western R. R., recently completed.

'70.

✓ H. D. Peake is now proprietor of the Walton Novelty Works, the largest manufacturing establishment in Delaware Co.

'73.

✓ Rev. Dr. Henry A. Powell, long pastor of a Congregational church in Brooklyn, has become a lawyer, and is now practicing law in New York City.

'75.

✓ Rev. Dr. A. V. V. Raymond has been elected a member of the University Club, of New York City.

'76.

✓ Homer Greene has just published a new novel, "The River-Park Rebellion," which is a story of cadet life at the Poughkeepsie Military Academy. He is engaged on a novel, one chapter of which deals with the hazing experiences at Union which were current in the seventies.

✓ Thomas Weir is Superintendent of the Granite Mountain Mining Co., of Montana.

'80.

A. H. Dougherty has a splendid photograph of the composer Liszt as he looked in his last days. When Liszt was in Paris he had his picture taken as do all celebrities who go to Paris. The proofs were sent to him while he was at Weimar. The best one he rejected because it brought the six great warts upon his face into such prominence. A favorite pupil secured it and gave it to his friend our artist then in Paris. Dougherty crayoned it in his inimitable way, photographed the crayon and thus secured a likeness of the famous musician which is now in great demand both in Europe and America.

✓ Wm. J. McNulty, Assistant Engineer in the office of the President of the Board of Public Improvements, St. Louis, Mo., has devised plans and drawings for a monster bell for the new City Hall building. It seems to have immortalized his name, for "McNulty's Bell" is being celebrated in poetry and song throughout all St. Louis.

✓ John Ickler is President of the Anchor Shoe Company of St. Paul, Minn., and vice-President of the bank of West St. Paul.

✓ Robert C. Alexander has been elected a director of the Fifth Avenue Transportation Company, New York.

✓ J. A. Kemp is now a prominent lawyer at Delhi, N. Y.

✓ Wm. de C. Ravenel, of the U. S. Fish Commission at Washington, is to go to Chicago in February, in charge of the exhibit of the Commission at the World's Fair.

✓ Maj. Henry T. Thompson, of Darlington, S. C., is a candidate for the appointment of Assistant District Attorney of the U. S., for the State of South Carolina.

'82.

✓ J. R. Fairgrieve is now principal of the High school and superintendent of the Union school at Walton, N. Y.

✓ C. E. Faye is at present the pastor of the Congregational church at Unadilla, N. Y.

✓ Rev. W. A. Waddell, Presbyterian Missionary in Sao Paulo, Brazil, paid his alma mater a flying visit recently. He has been in this country on a business furlough, securing a charter from the Board of Regents for the new Presbyterian college about to be organized at Sao Paulo. He also represented the Foreign Board of his church at the Synods of Michigan and Minnesota, delivering addresses on both occasions. He sailed for Brazil Nov. 9

'83.

✓ Conde Hamlin, managing editor of the St. Paul *Pioneer-Press*, and Miss Leonora Austin, daughter of ex-Governor Austin of Minnesota, were married Saturday, December 10.

'89.

✓ Francis Xavier Ransdell is a benedict. The event occurred November 1st. He has changed his residence to Chattanooga, Tenn. His many Northern friends send congratulations.

'91.

✓ Tracy H. Robertson is Secretary and Treasurer of the Robertson Mortgage Co., of Seattle, Washington.

BY REGISTERED LETTER.

We Have Received the Following:

WASHINGTON, December 8, 1892.

MESSRS. EDITORS:

You say in your circular of the 16th ult., that you will be pleased to have the alumni "give the paper a trial." The proposition is a fair one and I accede to it.

I have been a subscriber in times past and when in college struggled to maintain a college periodical, and have written more than once to new boards of editors in regard to the management of THE CONCORDIENSIS. But like many of the alumni, I stopped subscribing, because I believed that the paper as conducted, was prejudicial to the literary and intellectual life of the college.

All thinking men agree that the great enemy of our intellectual American life is the low tone and diluted slang and trash of our newspapers. In a college paper one might naturally look for a beginning in journalism leading to better things.

Instead of this, it really seems as if many a man supposes, that when he becomes an editor he must cease to think and speak as a gentleman, and put on as a uniform the veally, slangy, vulgar, familiar smartness of a fourth-class paper published in some little western town, whose uncultured editor gathered his editorial qualifications from setting type in a printing office, and believes that his bread and butter depends upon his "catering" to the tastes of the lower strata of his readers. The editors of a college paper have the right to be smart if they choose; but loyalty to the college does not require the alumni to assist in the production of literary matter, of which they disapprove.

I enclose a clipping from a college paper, from the "Agricultural Department" of the *Ariel*, the weekly paper published by the students of the University of Minnesota:

With this edition of the *Ariel* the present editor of this department, having a very generous feeling for my fellow students, and not wishing to see any of them miss the advantage to receive the benefit that is always desired from a good honorable position, and having held the position for over one year, could not conscientiously hold it any longer, thereby standing in the way of some fellow student, therefore I resign, and have the pleasure of introducing to the readers of the *Ariel* Mr. Thomas A. Haigh, a bright and energetic young man of the class of '94, who no doubt will fill the position better than it has been for the past year. We all wish him success in his new work.

ED. AGR. DEPT.

Grammatically considered it is indeed incomparably worse than anything ever seen in THE CONCORDIENSIS; in tone, and thought, there have been many such effusions in many college papers.

But a letter which you have published, I confess dampens the hope which your circular kindled. "Snap" and "rush" are the very things which it is said higher education will repress; and the glowing assurance of your correspondent, that "*all rivals*" of the college itself "*will be laid out*" by the simple expedient of "borrowing something of" Snap and Rush, is the kind of loose assertion and silly gush that we expect a college training will make ridiculous. That your correspondent sees fit to write such a letter is no concern of mine, but lest Snap and Rush and Gush shall constitute the editorial management of THE CONCORDIENSIS, I reserve the right to turn on them, if I can, the battering of the alumni associations and the ridicule of our best newspapers, that they may be removed in due time to a less maudlin state of existence.

I remain very respectfully, etc., etc.,

CHARLES C. NOTT.

P. S.—I regret to observe that your correspondent omitted—and I am deeply grieved that more careful editorial supervision did not supply the omission in brackets—I regret, I say, to observe that he omitted from his list of ideal editors the name of Spunk. Spunk is a great fellow and anybody can "borrow

something of" him at any time. If he is not now in college, undoubtedly he can be found in school; and, my word for it, if Snap and Rush and Gush are to be on the editorial staff of THE CONCORDIENSIS they will want Spunk before they finish their work.

AN APPEAL FOR ATHLETICS.

Next term, preliminary training will be begun for the development of our athletic material. A mid-winter exhibition will be held in which can be seen the results of this training; and such men as show themselves worthy of it will be still further trained for the spring games. There ought to be at least three men in each event in the inter-collegiate contests. No man, unless extraordinary, can do his best in more than two events. He may do well in more; but if he would limit himself to two, he would stand a better chance of winning.

Let every man who has any athletic material in him put himself under training. There is no telling what he may develop into. Champions are made only by constant training. Even if one does not succeed in the first contest, the training and experience will help him in the future. Everybody is not expected to win the first time. Let everybody take an interest in athletics. The success of a team depends mainly on the united efforts of all the students. Take a sprinter for instance. If he has five or six men running against him, even if he has to give them a handicap it will encourage him to do better work than if he was alone.

This general development will also be of use in all spring games, such as base ball. A man will be in good condition to commence practicing as soon as out-door work is possible. If a person is good in one sport he can

change to another much easier than he could otherwise.

Let every man try to do his best for his college. If you want to see a successful team next spring put yourself in training if you have any taste for athletics at all, and find out what you can do. This is the only way we can make Old Union's team a success.



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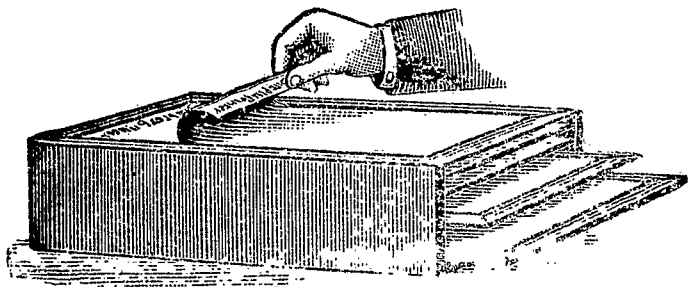


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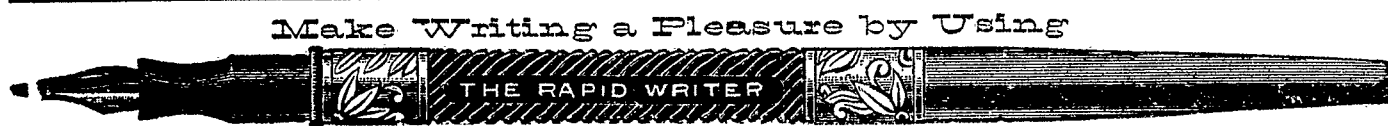




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