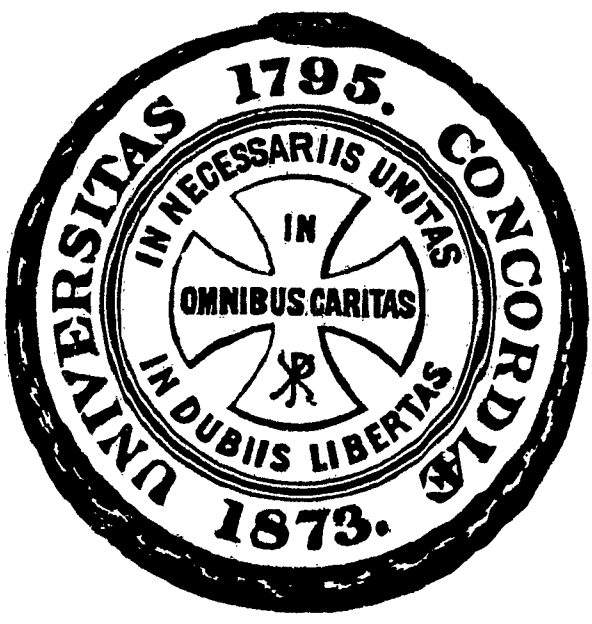


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## General Sickles on Spain.

The thirtieth and last lecture of the Butterfield course was delivered in the college chapel Friday afternoon, June 3, before a large and appreciative audience of students, members of the faculty and friends of the college. "Spain" was the subject, and the speaker General Daniel E. Sickles, famous for his exploits in war and diplomacy in statecraft; a man peculiarly adapted to speak with force and authority upon the momentous issue now attracting the attention of the world.

General Sickles was introduced by General Daniel Butterfield, the founder of the course, who gave a brief account of his career in his relations with the state, and paid a glowing tribute to the distinguished service which he had given for his country.

In opening his remarks the lecturer said that he felt the greatest sympathy for Spain. "Her attitude in the present war is only partly her fault; it is largely her misfortune. I have great regard for the queen, nor can I but feel pity for her ministers when I survey the magnitude of their task, the difficulties to be encountered, and the sadness which will come to the whole nation through Spain's inevitable defeat.

"The present conflict is not one of our seeking. Our unpreparedness is the best proof that we did not seek or expect war. The history of the Cuban question is the history of a century. Jefferson was the first to point out the great importance of Cuba to the United States, and every president since has had this in mind. In 1869 I was sent by Grant to Spain for the sole purpose of showing the Spanish government the extreme danger that existed in her relations with Cuba, and that unless there was reform in the government of the island the United States would interfere, but with the exception of the prime minister I found no listeners. We have

for five years been appealing to Spain to modify and ameliorate her government in Cuba, and all the European governments have likewise appealed to Spain to apply justice instead of force, and so win the affection of her colonies, but all these requests were in vain.

"After a ten years' revolution, on the promises of Spain of reforms, the insurgents laid down their arms, but all the promises were broken and Cuba was brought back into the state she was in in 1825. It was in this year that martial law was first proclaimed on the island, and, with the exception of a space of four months, Cuba has been under martial law ever since.

"Cuba and Porto Rico are the only territories in America that do not enjoy to any degree substantial self-government. We have done all in our power to persuade Spain to rightly administer law in her provinces, and still she has not. The issue now is: Which shall rule—Spanish ideas of colonial administration or American self-government?

"It is on these grounds that I affirm this war is just, necessary and inevitable. At present Europe does not accept these conclusions, but it is only a matter of time before it will. Men say this war could and should have been avoided. This remark has been made of every war that has taken place."

He then showed how war could have been avoided in the case of the American Revolution, the war of 1812 and the civil war, by supporting the principles fought for. He said that so great power and influence had not been given to us for the accumulation of mere material strength. "Our present duty is to assist the Cubans in their struggle for freedom. The geographical, commercial and strategic situation is most imperative, and we cannot deny the relations that spring therefrom.

"President Madison, as well as President



Monroe, looked favorably upon the struggle for freedom of the South American states, while Russia, Prussia and Austria formed the holy alliance in support of Spain. Then, as now, England joined with the United States, settling the balance of power in the old world, and stood between Europe and the United States."

Speaking of destiny of nations he said: "Who would have thought a century ago that England would send Anglo-Saxon civilization over the whole world? Who would have foreseen a month ago that our flag would float 10,000 miles away? Who would have thought that by the defeat of a Spanish fleet at Manila the destruction of the Maine would be avenged?"

He thought that Divine Providence was with us in this war, from the remarkable victory that Dewey was permitted to win without the loss of ships or men. "Whatever we may do with the Philippines as a whole," said he, "we must keep Manila. Dewey has made Manila for us consecrated ground."

There was an expression of fear on his part for the future of Spain, because of her heavy indebtedness, corrupt colonial system, and internal dissensions. He said that she would meet with inevitable defeat in the present conflict, for the United States could not see with indifference the maintenance or extension of Spain's brutal policy.

The General stated that he merely wished to make his contribution toward the elucidation of the question, and his clear treatment of the subject in its historical, commercial, political and moral aspects indicated a keen insight and a broad knowledge.

At the close of the lecture an opportunity was given to ask questions concerning special phases of the subject. The first was in regard to Hawaii, which he believed should become an American possession.

Dr. Raymond then asked whether it had been rightly said that war could have been averted if we had waited for Spain's promised concessions. "Unfortunately, Mr. President," replied the speaker, "the concessions of Spain always come too late," illustrating in detail from her past history.

The question was asked, "What kind of a man is Sagasta?" which elicited the terse reply, "An excellent chief of police."

Dr. Ashmore asked if it was Spain's peculiar sense of honor that is really her reason for fighting. General Sickles replied: "Spain has ceded, yielded, granted and sold more land than any other nation on the face of the earth, and yet her peculiar sense of honor forbids her parting with a little more."

To the question why the English know how to govern their colonies and the Spanish do not, the speaker replied: "Because the English have common sense. But let me add right here that we taught England that common sense."

Although General Sickles spoke for almost two hours, he held the attention of his audience throughout, and his remarks were frequently interrupted by applause.

### The "U" Men.

The annual notice concerning college athletes entitled to wear U's, signed by Captains Crichton, Smith and Price, has been posted. The successful men are the following: Football team, Beardsley, Bookhout, Carver, Crichton, Fenton, Hoxie, Mallery, '98, Mallery, '01, Messmer, Price, Robinson, Schmitter, Smith, Weed, Wilson; baseball team, Carver, Cook, Delehanty, Grout, French, '00, Nevins, Parshall, R. H. Robinson, Smith, Stewart, Thatcher, Wiley; track team, F. M. Davis, Deyoe, C. French, S. French, Hartnagel, Hegeman, MacMillan, Medbery, '99, Medbery, '01, O'Neill, Paige, Price, Sylvester, Pildain, G. Vrooman, C. Walbridge, Weed, Wright.

Attention is also called to the following: "No man is considered a member of any athletic team unless he has contested in a championship game, and no man is entitled to wear a U unless he is a member of such team, managers of such teams excepted. In the case of the track team no man is entitled to wear the U unless he has won a point in a championship contest. This refers to U's worn on sweaters, jerseys, caps, etc. All those who are wearing U's in opposition to this rule will please remove them."

### The Alpha Delta Dance.

Last Friday night the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity opened their new chapter house with a reception and dance. The house was very prettily decorated with bows of apple blossoms and cut flowers, and the staircase with the colors green and white. The four large rooms on the first floor were given up to dancing and were admirably suited for this purpose, as one immense room was made by opening the wide folding doors which separate them. As it was a pleasant evening, the wide piazza which extends around three sides of the house, was much used, being a very cool refuge between the dances. The music which lasted until about five was furnished by Gioscia and three of his men, and the refreshments by Doberman.

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The other guests were: President A. V. V. Raymond, Prof. Perkins, Prof. Hoffman, Dean Ripton, Prof. Winans, Prof. Hale, Prof. Opdike, Prof. Webster, Prof. Bennett, Prof. Pollard, Prof. McKenzie, Prof. Jones, Prof. Kay, Prof. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lovejoy, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cary, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hanson, Mrs. Munn; the Misses Anderson, Miss Miller, Miss Porter, Miss Tucker, Miss Boss, Miss Banks and Miss Watson of Albany; Miss Wendell of Detroit; Miss Shotwell of Gloversville; the Misses Argersinger of Johnstown; Miss Kline and Miss Kellogg of Amsterdam; the Misses Yates, Miss Ostroin, Miss Walker, Miss Price, Miss Johnson, Miss Curtis, Miss Beattie, Miss Henrietta Yates, Miss Lewis, Miss Strain, Miss Truax, Miss Westinghouse, Miss Kingsbury, Miss Hildreth, Miss Langdon, Miss Case, Miss Backus, Miss Wright and the Misses Darling of Schenectady; the Misses McKenzie of Cam-

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### Defeat at Canajoharie.

The baseball team met defeat last Saturday at the hands of the "Gillams," a team made up of professionals and semi-professionals, and probably the strongest in New York. The team is located at Canajoharie where Saturday's game was played.

Captain Smith's men were no match for such an aggregation and the game ought never to have been arranged. Besides this, Union's team was crippled and hence the magnitude of the score. It is to be hoped that no more such games will be scheduled.

The score by innings:

	R.	H.	E.
Union.....	0	0	0
Gillams.....	3	6	5

Batteries, Thatcher, Parshall and Stewart; Bernhard and Roberts.

### No Game at Syracuse.

The game scheduled to have been played on Wednesday between Union and Syracuse, at Syracuse, was cancelled by the latter team, and consequently Captain Smith and his men had an opportunity to take a rest.

### Hobart Wins.

As the Concordiensis goes to press, word is received that Thursday's game at Geneva was won by Hobart, 17 to 11. This means that Union must play Colgate again.

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It behooves every student to patronize the final concert to be given by the Musical association in the Van Curler during Commencement week. There will be several new features introduced which will help make this the most delightful entertainment of the season.

It is not generally known that Union is the only college that has been able to secure the presence of so many famous men to address her students. Her success in this direction has been due to the generous efforts of General Daniel Butterfield, '49, who founded and promoted the Butterfield lecture course which has given the college the opportunity of listening to such men as Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, Gen. Horace Porter, Hon. Seth Low, Charles A. Dana, Edward Everett Hale, D. D., Hon. Chauncey M. Depew and Gen. Daniel E. Sickles. Gen. Butterfield has proved himself a worthy alumnus of Old Union, and we deeply regret that the course has been concluded.

GENERAL SICKLES' lecture last Friday was doubly interesting by reason of his deep acquaintance with the subject, and his unique personality. During his long and useful career, General Sickles has had adventures as many and as varied as those of the celebrated Bampfylde Moore Carew. He has been state senator, congressman, soldier and diplomat, and has also been sheriff of the county of New York. This office is one which has been filled by a long succession of Tammany plunderers; General Sickles was a notable exception and the duties of the office were never so well administered as during his occupancy. He has seen the snows of five and seventy winters but the fire of his heart burns as brightly as it did an half century ago and we predict for him many a year of honorable service to the country he has loved so well.

### Biblical Masterpieces.

On Sunday, June 5th, Dr. Truax brought to a close the year's work with a student class which has been engaged since last September in studying the Bible as literature. The text book used was one of the series of "The Modern Reader's Bible" edited by Prof. Moulton of the University of Chicago. The ground covered included stories, such as that of Joseph, Balaam, Samson, Elisha, Belshazzar; orations, such as that of Moses at the rehearsal of the blessing and the curse, Isaiah's "The Covenant with Death," Ezekiel's "The Wreck of the Good Ship Tyre"; wisdom brevities, essays and sonnets; lyrics, such as the elegy from which the drama of Job starts, "David's Lament," and "David's Song of Victory" and antiphonies such as the "Song of Moses and Miriam" and "Deborah's Song."

These works have been studied with reference chiefly to the literary skill displayed in putting into beautiful and impressive form sentiments manifestly true of human nature and experience, interest of character and plot, skill in reaching feeling and motive, power in portraying the tenderness and the sublimity of nature, and in making intensely vivid the effect produced in man's soul by the recognition of his relation to the infinite, as well as minor melodies of phrase, crisp terseness of sage maxims, and clever surprises of epigram have been considered as revealing the fluent harmony of the treatment with the rich diversity of the matter.

The next course will probably deal with a few short rhapsodies and the story of Isaiah as a whole.



### Victory Over Colgate.

On Tuesday morning the baseball team started off on its western trip to decide the winner of the '98 pennant of the New York State Inter-collegiate Athletic union. They departed with a clean record of three games won and none lost and it took them about an hour and a half to mount one round higher in the struggle for the championship, by administering defeat to Colgate.

The heroes of the game were Thatcher and Parshall. The former for his hitting as well as his pitching, and the latter for his superb work behind the bat, notwithstanding the fact that his finger was split. Union batted hard and always at the proper time, and the team played winning ball every minute in the game.

The detailed score was as follows:

UNION.							
	A. B.	R.	1B.	P. O.	A.	E.	
French.....	5	1	1	1	4	0	
Stewart.....	5	2	2	1	0	1	
Wiley.....	5	2	3	5	0	0	
Thatcher.....	5	2	4	2	1	1	
Smith.....	5	1	1	1	0	1	
Grout.....	4	1	0	0	1	0	
Parshall.....	4	0	0	16	0	0	
Cook.....	4	1	0	1	1	1	
Carver.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	
	40	11	12	27	7	4	

COLGATE.							
	A. B.	R.	1B.	P. O.	A.	E.	
Fosbury.....	4	2	1	11	0	0	
Sheldon.....	5	2	1	0	5	0	
Root.....	4	0	1	2	1	1	
Allen.....	5	0	0	5	0	1	
Frame.....	5	0	1	1	0	0	
Howland.....	5	0	0	1	3	2	
Watkins.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Cramp.....	2	2	0	1	3	1	
Buck.....	4	0	1	3	0	0	
	37	6	5	24	12	5	
Colgate.....	0	0	3	1	0	0	2—6
Union.....	3	0	6	0	0	0	*—11

Earned runs; Union, 5. Two base hits; Thatcher, French, Fosbury. Home run, Thatcher. Bases stolen; Colgate, 7. Struck out: by Thatcher, 12; Sheldon, 5. Double play, Sheldon, Cramp, Fosbury. Passed balls, Allen, 1. Time of game, 1:35. Umpire, Mr. Root.

### The league standing Tuesday night:

	Won.	Lost.
Union.....	4	0
Hobart.....	3	2
Colgate.....	2	3
Hamilton.....	1	5

### Football Schedule for '98.

Manager Hinman of football has announced the schedule for next fall as follows. The list is, of course, subject to additions.

Oct. 1—St. Stephens college, on the campus.

Oct. 8—New Jersey Athletic club, at Bergen Point.

Oct. 12—Williams college, at Williamstown.

Oct. 15—Stevens college, on the campus.

Oct. 19—Tufts college, at Albany.

Oct. 22—Rensselaer Polytechnic institute, on the campus.

Oct. 26—Hobart, on the campus.

Oct. 29—Rutgers, at Albany.

Nov. 5—Hamilton, at Clinton.

Nov. 12—Colgate, at Hamilton.

Nov. 19—Laureates, on the campus

### The Musical Association.

One of the most successful seasons the Musical association has ever had will be ended by a concert at the Van Curler Opera house on Tuesday evening, June 21. This season has been highly profitable not only financially, but also for the good reputation the clubs have given to Union by their fine vocal and instrumental music.

The Buffalo and New York trips were profitable not so much for the money they brought the clubs but for the reputation they gained among all those who heard them; the Buffalo trip especially, opening a new field for future clubs.

Every student should attend this last concert of the year as the programme is an entirely new one and an opportunity will be given to hear the "Cuban Battle Song" which was so popular during the New York trip.

### Minor Topics.

Yates, '98, has been visiting friends at Hamilton and Cornell.

Bamber, ex-1900, is spending a few days in town. He is at present in the University of Pennsylvania.

Alfred H. Birch of Amsterdam, and Paul J. Strohauer of Caro, Michigan, both members of last year's graduating class, are visiting friends on the hill.

Prof. Pepper, has sailed for Europe where he intends to study at Leipzig and Paris. He will return to Union early in the fall. All his classes have discontinued their studies and all have been excused from final examinations.

At Port Dickenson last Thursday occurred the marriage of Chauncey French, '99, to Miss Grace Emile Miller, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. French will spend their honeymoon at Round Lake and Asbury park and next fall Mr. French will open an engineering office in Binghamton.

The preliminary contest for the selection of speakers in the Alexander extemporaneous prize speaking was held last Thursday and the following list, subject to addition, was appointed: Walter M. Swann, '98; Charles J. Vrooman, '98; William D. Reed, '98, and Harrison K. Wright, '99.

### Elections to Phi Beta Kappa.

At a meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa society held Tuesday afternoon five members of the senior class were elected to membership. The five men so honored have the highest standing in the classical division. Initiation followed the election. The lucky five are Orrin G. Cox of Schenectady, Samuel G. Hatheway Turner of Elmira, John Crapo Merchant of Nassau, Peter Nelson of Marquette, Mich., and Walter M. Swann of Albany.

The society will hold its next meeting on June 21st, where the election of officers for the coming year will be held.

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### Union Men for Arbitration.

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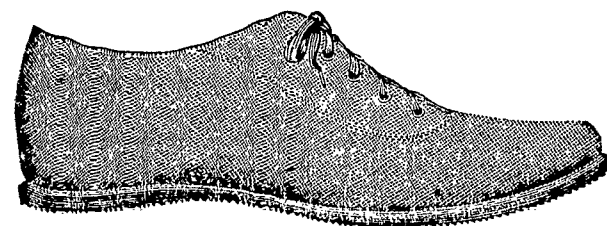
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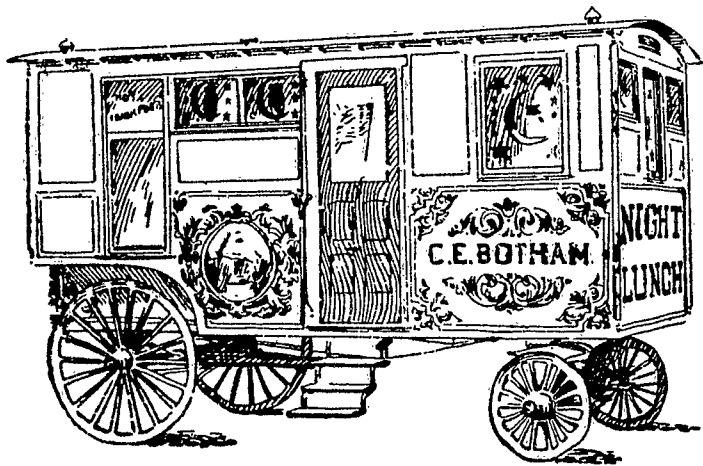
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