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A Change in the Undergraduate Publications.

At the last college meeting the student body decided that for the college year of 1899-1900 the form of the undergraduate publications be changed so as to provide for a combining of the monthly literary magazine, the Parthenon, and the news weekly, the Concordiensis, into one publication, a weekly, to be known as The Concordiensis, to contain both literary and news matter, and to be under the control of one board of editors. This plan has been under consideration for some time, and Monday's action was unanimous.

It has long been felt that the Parthenon has not been up to the standard of other college magazines of its kind, and one reason for this has been the scarcity of undergraduate literary matter on its pages. To be sure, the work that has been published has been of the highest order, but it has come mainly from the alumni and faculty, and for this reason the magazine has not been essentially undergraduate in its tone.

To remedy the defect of a lack of undergraduate literary contributions, it was suggested that the faculty might be willing to make such matter, if accepted for publication, an equivalent of original work in the department of rhetoric, i.e., of required essays and orations. This plan was taken up, a petition was drawn and presented to the faculty and granted by that body.

The petition provides that:

"During the college year of 1899-1900 literary contributions submitted by the students for The Concordiensis, and duly accepted therefor, shall be accepted by the faculty as a substitute in kind for regular work in the department of rhetoric."

To carry out the above plan the following rules shall be in force:

I. All literary work, in order to be accepted, must be satisfactory to the head of the department of rhetoric (or to any one whom he may name) and to the editorial board of the paper; and if duly accepted, such work is to be an exact equivalent, so far as college requirements are concerned, to a required essay or oration.

II. Every student desiring to take advantage of such offer shall register with the head of the department of rhetoric, and shall hand in his contributions to the editor of the Concordiensis at least two weeks before the date upon which is due the regular essay or oration of which it is to take the place. In case the manuscript is rejected, the contributor shall be given notice at the earliest possible date after it is submitted, and not less than eight days before the said essay or oration is due.

III. No individual student shall be allowed to substitute newspaper work for more than one exercise during any college term.

IV. This substitute work may be taken by any students in any of the four regular classes, except the first term sophomore and third freshman.

The board of editors is to be chosen as heretofore, and will consist of: An editor-in-chief, a literary editor, and a news editor, from the senior class; four associate editors from the junior class; and six reporters from the sophomore class. The appointment of a literary editor is not made by this year's retiring board of editors, but a literary editor will be chosen by competition from the senior class before December 1, 1899. Such competition is open to all members of the class of 1900.

Messrs. King and Brown, of Syracuse University, and Van Guilder, of Brown were guests at the Phi Delta Theta House last Monday evening.
The 104th Commencement.

Active preparations by those in charge are now being made for commencement week. On the campus the ever busy superintendent of the grounds is seen hard at work; from Memorial hall the sound of hammers forming the new dancing floor; strolling about here and there are the idle seniors, engaged for the most part in coloring their handsome new class pipes; in the college office are found the genial proprietors busy among other things in sending out the commencement programs.

Commencement occurs on the morning of the twenty-eighth and this day is preceded by three others full of interest. Sunday evening, the twenty-fifth, President Raymond will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the First Presbyterian church. The following afternoon the always attractive grove exercises conducted by the graduating class will be held under the historic elm tree in Jackson's garden. That evening at the First Presbyterian church the extemporaneous prize debate together with the junior and sophomore prize oratorical contests will take place. Tuesday being alumni day will be filled with important business.

The classes of '39, '49, '59, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89 and '91 will all hold reunions. At nine o'clock will come the meetings of the Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi societies; at ten the annual meeting of the general alumni association; at twelve, balloting for a trustee to succeed the Hon. Wallace T. Foote, Jr., A. M., whose term of office expires; at one-fifteen, the alumni dinner in Memorial hall; at half-past three, class day exercises in the First Presbyterian church; and at eight o'clock, a concert in the Van Curler opera house by the College Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs; Wednesday morning at ten o'clock the graduating exercises will take place.

Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie, well known to Union men, will be honorary chancellor of the day. The president's reception and the senior ball in the evening will round up the festivities in a becoming manner.

Have you paid your subscription?

College Notes.

Tuggey, 1900, left Tuesday for Rhode Island where he will spend the summer.

T. Harry Keogh, of the Albany Law School, visited friends on the hill during the first part of the week.

E. T. Grout, 1901, has been incapacitated from playing ball during the past week, owing to a strained leg.

William H. Gillespie, 1902, has received an appointment as junior clerk in the state Regent's office as the result of a civil service examination.

The last Y. M. C. A. meeting of the year was held Tuesday evening, and Prof. Hoffman gave an interesting address. Union will be represented at the Y. M. C. A. conference, which will be held at Northfield, Mass., June 30 to July 9.

The next college year will begin on Thursday, September 21. Candidates for admission must present their credentials at the President's office on Tuesday, September 19th. Entrance examinations will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 20th and 21st.

Late last week the 1902 class pin made its entrance into the college world. It consists of a circular disk, one half of which is covered by garnet enamel, the other by royal purple. In the middle is a representation in gold of the idol's head, while above the head is inscribed, "Union." and below "1902." It is certainly the most unique and novel pin that has appeared on college hill in several years.

On Tuesday of last week the seniors and juniors played the first inter-class baseball game of the season. But four innings were played and the score stood 6 to 3 in favor of the seniors. The teams played as follows: Seniors, p., Hinman; c., Huntley; 1b., Hegeman; 2b., Doran; s. s., Gage; 3b., Eames; r. f., Vander Veer; c. f., Strong; l. f., Fisk. Juniors, p., Paige, Tuggey; c., Ripley, Paige; tb,. Willis; 2b., Lawton; s. s., Edwards; 3b., Davis; r. f., Van Vlack; c. f., Boorn; l. f., Anderson.
The Senior Ball.

The most important social event of the college year is the senior ball. This year's is no exception to the rule, and will be enjoyed more than ever because of the excellent hard wood floor which is being laid in the Nott memorial ball where the dance is always held.

The committee composed of Messrs. Beardsley, Casey, Foote, Hegeman and Purchase, have been working faithfully for some time, and to them great credit is due. Tickets may be procured for $5, and all undergraduates who secure them will be greatly repaid by the enjoyment.

The ball will be given June 28th, at 10 p.m., and the patronesses are Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Albany; Mrs. Daniel Butterfield, New York; Mrs. N. L. Casey, Auburn; Mrs. T. Alfred Vernon, New York; Mrs. Daniel S. Lamont, New York; Mrs. J. V. L. Pryun, Albany; Mrs. A. R. Beardsley, Elkart, Ind.; Mrs. B. A. Hegeman, jr., Newark, N. J.; Mrs. A. V. V. Raymond, Mrs. C. F. Lewis, Mrs. S. G. Ashmore, Mrs. B. H. Ripton, Mrs. E. E. Hale, jr., Mrs. E. W. Rice, jr., Mrs. William Wells, Mrs. J. S. Landon, Mrs. H. C. Levis, Mrs. O. H. Landreth, Mrs. J. W. Smitley, Mrs. S. D. Greene, jr., Mrs. J. H. Stoller, Mrs. Richard Fuller, Mrs. Maurice Perkins, Mrs. J. K. Paige, Mrs. J. R. Truax, Mrs. J. W. Strain, Mrs. C. O. Yates, Mrs. I. B. Price, Mrs. J. R. Lovejoy, Mrs. C. S. Prosser, Mrs. A. L. Rohr, Mrs. A. J. Dillingham, Mrs. W. G. Carey, Mrs. W. E. Walker, Mrs. J. A. De Remer and Mrs. G. W. Featherstonhaugh, all of Schenectady.

Intercollegiate Notes.

At New Haven on Saturday May 13, Harvard's track team defeated Yale by a score of 51 1/2 to 41 1/4, and by so doing came into permanent possession of a $500 cup presented by the graduates of the two colleges, the cup to become the property of the track team that won five out of eight dual games between the two universities.

Cubans On The Hill.

During the last week there have been sent to Schenectady by the Cuban Educational association three Cubans and three Porto Ricans. This association is doing excellent work in aiding those who desire to get an education. It furnishes them transportation and tuition free, and they are in return expected to help pay their board and rent and be ready to do any work required of them. General Joseph Wheeler is president, Gilbert K. Harroun is secretary and treasurer, and among the trustees are such men as Albert Shaw, Wm. H. Baldwin, jr., and Nicholas M. Butler. Mr. Harroun is spending a great deal of his time in trying to find places for these young men, and now has on his list the names of 500 men who have applied.

Labas Meneses y Comas, Emmanuel Fuentevilla, and Francisco I. Telechea, are Cubans, and Jose Benet, Jose Carballo, and Antonio F. Castro, are Porto Ricans. Meneses was a captain in the Cuban army and was an aide-de-camp to Gen. Maceo until the latter's death, when he held the same position under Gen. Garcia. Fuentevilla also was a member of the Cuban army for three years.

H. K. Wright, '99, has been engaged to teach them English this summer, and F. Roy Chapman, '99, a lieutenant during the late war, is to instruct them in military tactics.

Alumni Notes.

Homer A. Crothers, '97, of Newark, N. Y., is visiting friends on the hill.

Mr. Richard B. Rowe, '96, has been appointed fellow in geology in Johns Hopkins University for the year 1899-1900. Mr. Rowe is also first assistant on the Appalachian division of the Maryland geological survey, of which Professor Prosser is chief, and he has been in the field since the first of May. The field work will continue until the first of October, and during the winter he will finish his report on the Devonian of Western Maryland, which will be submitted as a thesis for the Ph. D. degree.
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With last week's issue, the '99 board of editors of The Concordiensis completed its labors. They desire to thank all those who have interested themselves in the publication by literary contributions, criticisms or subscriptions and to ask for those who are to publish the paper next year, the loyal support of alumni, faculty, students and friends of Old Union.

The last official act of the retiring board is the announcement of the appointment of next year's board of editors as follows:
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With this issue, the new board of editors of The Concordiensis assumes control of the paper. It is our first aim to make The Concordiensis a credit and an honor to the institution it represents, and for the fulfillment of this aim we call for the aid of all those who have the interests of the college at heart. Criticisms will always be gladly welcomed. If the paper does not come up to your ideal of the college magazine do not hesitate to say so. Only give us the benefit of your suggestions. The board of editors in their official capacity are simply the means through which the student body acts. Every individual as one member of the student body has an interest in the college magazine. On this basis let us work together during the coming year, and the results of our labors are sure to redound to the glory of Alma Mater.

Monday morning's action regarding the change in the college publications was just right, and the outlook for next year is certainly bright. As an experiment the Parthenon has not been a success. Its three years of existence have proved that here at Union under present conditions there is no field for a separate literary magazine. This fact must be granted by all. It is not, then, a regression to combine the two papers. On the contrary the new Concordiensis as an exponent of college life has a definite field before it, and one which in its new form it ought to cover. The arrangement made with the faculty in regard to literary work is certainly a plan well worth trial. The incentive to write which has been lacking is now supplied, and there is no reason why every man in college should not take advantage of the offer.

Some of the students are laboring under the mistaken idea that the senior ball committee is laying the new floor in the Round building as a financial venture. The sooner this idea is dropped, the better. The committee is not a money making organization and intends to make a full statement of receipts and expenditures at the proper time. Carpenters are now at work on the floor, but it will not be completed until all the subscriptions are paid in. It is the intention of the committee to give a dance in the building as soon as the floor is
finished. The price of admission will be only enough to cover the cost of music and the dance ought to be largely attended.

It is gratifying to note that the Union Classical Institute is taking a renewed interest in athletics. Last Friday on the college track the institute held an inter-class meet—something never before attempted in the school’s history—and though the records were anything but startling, the showing made was not poor when the fact is considered that almost no training at all was done in preparation.

As a preparatory school the U. C. I. has heretofore failed to lay enough stress on athletics. This has been partly at least due to the fact that the three year course has crowded the class-room work to such an extent that the students have had little or no time for legitimate outdoor sports. Now that this has been remedied by the introduction of the regular academic four year course, there is very properly a growing interest in things athletic. Friday’s meet demonstrated that there is in the Classical good material, and a meet for next year is an assured fact. Now it seems to us right in line with this that Union undergraduates have a duty to perform. U. C. I. is the regular preparatory school of this college and there ought to exist between the two in future closer relations.

For one thing, the school is hampered by the lack of a gymnasium. We believe that the college authorities and the students ought not only to allow the classical boys the use of the gymnasium and apparatus but ought to encourage them to use the privilege. Then, too, student coaches for football, baseball and track athletics could render the town boys material aid, and in the end Union is not going to be the loser for that sort of treatment.

Wednesday afternoon about thirty members of the junior and sophomore classes, under the conduct of Instructor Opdyke, inspected the entire plant of the General Electric company. These classes have been studying electricity under Prof. Wright, and the visit to the General Electric plant was a part of the term work. The party greatly enjoyed the tour of the works.

## The Tennis Tournament

The tennis tournament in progress on the college courts is proving a success. The follows this year are taking a marked interest in tennis, and the courts are filled every afternoon. The tournament entry list is the largest since the fall of ’97, and the reason for this increased enthusiasm is doubtless owing to the fact that the grounds have been carefully attended to and are in excellent condition. The scores up to date are as follows:

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Messrs. Gambee, Hinman, Merriman, Stiles, Woolworth, Bothwell and Griffith attended the commencement exercises and dance at the Albany Female academy on Tuesday evening.
The June Concert.

The musical association will give its annual June concert on the evening of Tuesday, June 27, at the Van Curler opera house. The different clubs will render new music and the feature of the performance will be the production of John Kendrick Bangs' farce, "Proposing Under Difficulties," by Messrs. H. J. Hinman, W. C. Yates, H. C. Bothwell and Wagner Van Vlack.

The musical association of the past year has been one of the best which ever represented Union, and the management has been very efficient. But the cost of hiring leaders for the several clubs is large, and this together with the deficit on the western trip has left the managers with a debt, which the proceeds of the June concert ought to wipe out.

The good which the musical association does the college cannot be estimated, and of all the college organizations it is nearer to being self-supporting than any other. The students are not called on for large subscriptions for the clubs, but the management earnestly desires that the fellows turn out in goodly numbers at the concert in commencement week.

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