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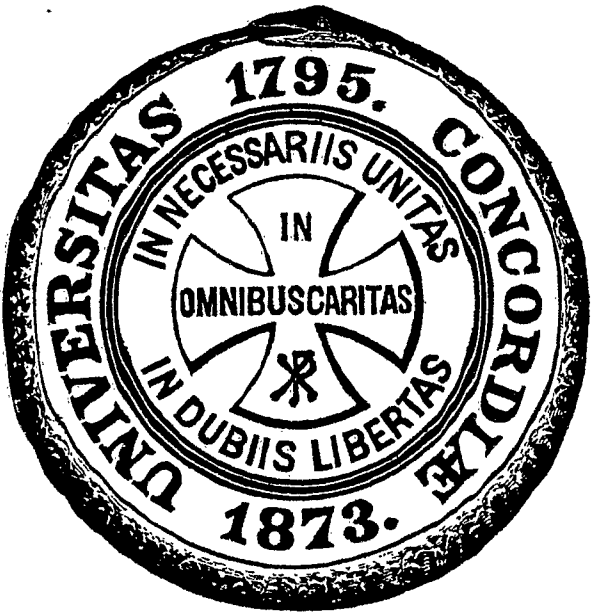
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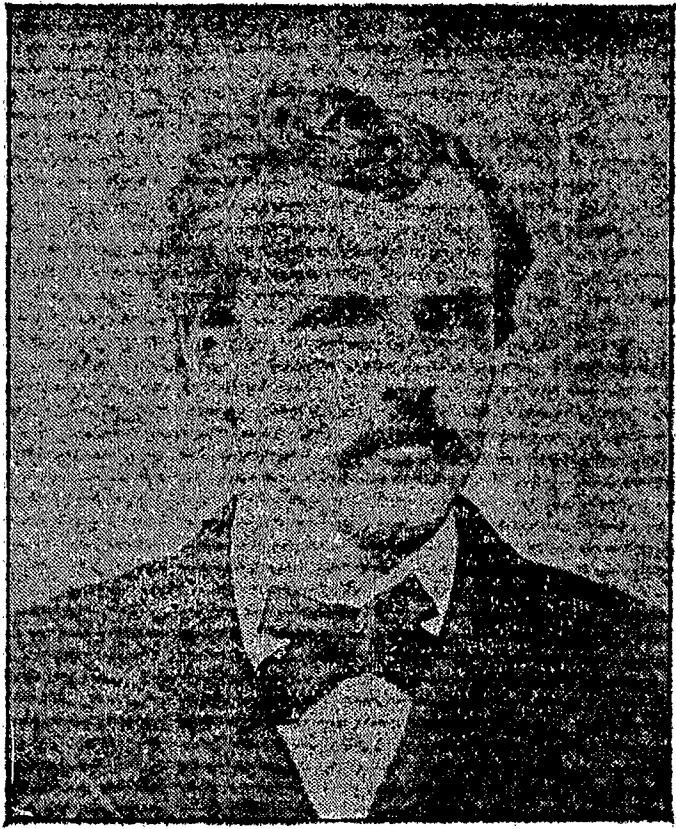
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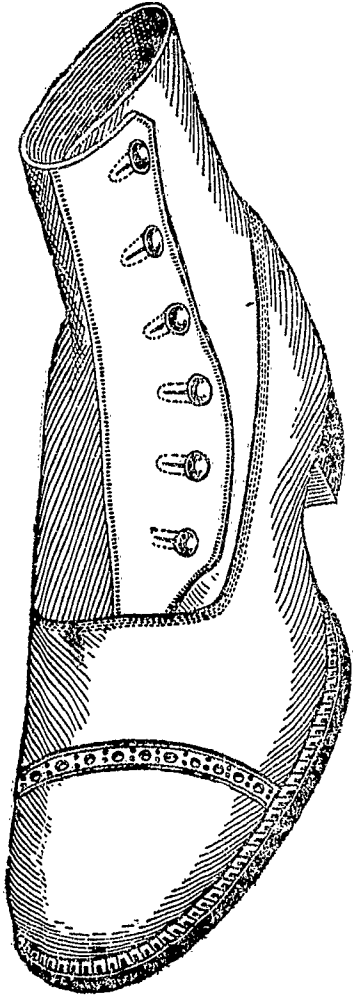
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IN MEMORIAM.

HAROLD MARTIN SKIDMORE.

The joys of the approaching commencement season were saddened by the news of the sudden death by drowning of Harold Martin Skidmore, a member of the classical division of the freshman class. This sad fatality occurred Saturday, June 17, in the Binnekill, a branch of the Mohawk. With three fellow collegians Skidmore was bathing near the shore. He was unable to swim and suddenly got beyond his depth. He struggled violently calling for help, and his companions made every effort to save him but were unsuccessful.

The body was recovered shortly afterwards and removed to the college chapel, where a death watch was kept by the classmates of the deceased. The young man's father, Mr. T. B. Skidmore of Southold, Long Island, arrived in town on the following Monday, accompanied by George Vail Edwards, a cousin of the deceased and formerly an instructor at Union. Brief but impressive services were held in the chapel, the Rev. Mr. Statham officiating.

A large delegation of students accompanied the remains to the railway station and every respect was shown for our deceased comrade. At a special meeting of the class of 1902, a committee was appointed to draw up resolutions of respect and Messrs. Baiz and Oakley were delegated to attend the funeral.

Mr. Skidmore was a student of high character and excellent scholarship and his death is mourned by every man in college. He was a man with a definite aim in life and had he lived would certainly have made his mark in the world.

The Baccalaureate Sermon.

The 102nd commencement of the college was begun on Sunday, June 25, with the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class by President Raymond. The exercises took place in the First Presbyterian church and that edifice was filled to overflowing. On the platform beside the city clergy sat the Rev. Dr. Cameron McKenzie, president of Elmira college.

Dr. Raymond took for his text, Matthew, 10:8, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

He spoke in part as follows:

These words gain special appropriateness for this occasion, from the fact that they were spoken by our Lord to his disciples when he was sending them forth to engage in their first serious work as his ambassadors. They had enjoyed peculiar advantages through their fellowship with him, and perhaps had thought little of what these advantages involved. "Freely ye have received, freely give." It is the principle asserted in these words that is to have our thought this evening. They teach us the obligation that inheres in possession, a principle with which we have become familiar but which we have only begun to appreciate and apply. It may be called the distinctive principle of Christianity, the largest interpretation of the gospel on its ethical side. There is nothing in the decalogue that suggests it save by implication. It had little to do with the righteousness required in the old testament, which necessarily put the emphasis upon primitive and fundamental virtues. It remained for Christ to build upon this foundation, to announce the higher law for the completion of human character, and so he added to the requirements of justice, honesty, purity, truthfulness, the crowning obligation of service, that a man's possessions are not for himself alone, but for the world, that he is a debtor to others to just the extent that he has what they have not. We do not understand Christianity until we appreciate this teaching. It is the burden of Christ's precepts, the key to the meaning of most of his parables, the end of all his patient training of his disciples.

The first Christian church was a community in the strict sense. "No man said that aught that he

had was his own but they had all things in common." Why, it may be asked, has not this conception of Christianity been more generally realized during these nineteen hundred years? Largely because the work of the church has been to establish the moral law. When the disciples left Jerusalem they came at once into contact with paganism, and all historians agree in picturing that pagan world as morally corrupt. Puritanism was essentially Judaism in a Christian dress and with a Christian nomenclature. The Puritan was virtuous and knew it. Puritanism reproduced eighteen hundred years after Christ many of the essential features of Judaism, and this is not to be considered in any sense as an indictment against Puritanism or Christianity. It was an absolutely necessary development from the moral barbarism of the world when Christianity began its mission.

While time lasts the decalogue will be at the beginning of all ethical progress, and the first stage of that progress will be marked by a stern insistence upon the "thou shalt" and "thou shalt not" of the moral law. The higher righteousness that formed the substance of Christ's distinctive teaching is valueless without this foundation. He built upon the Law and the prophets. Justice, truth, honesty, purity, are the first essentials of abiding character. To ignore them in the supposed interests of sympathy, mercy, unselfishness, charity, is to take all the moral fibre out of these sublime virtues.

From the beginning property interests have created the great divisions in the human family and given the monied class tyrannical power. The doctrine of community of interests means therefore a declaration of independence in the industrial world, and wherever there is tyranny that is equivalent to a declaration of war. It does not follow that the demands of justice can be met and peace secured only by the abdication of the money, or, as many imagine, by the equal distribution of accumulated wealth. Revolutions of that kind end invariably in general demoralization and a reign of terror. All that the cause of liberty can legitimately demand is that power as it exists shall be used beneficently for the general good. The true spirit of liberty, equality, fraternity, is not hostile to power, but only to selfish power. Under Christ, distinction comes not with possession but with use. "Whosoever will be great among you shall be your minister, and whosoever will be chiefest shall be servant of all."

But to limit our thought of possessions to things material is to miss the larger meaning of this truth. There are few things less a man's own than his property. At best it is but an external thing and may vanish in a night. His actual

possessions are his intelligence, his energy, his courage, his virtues, his faith and hope. In every just estimate of values these are worth more to him than his property, and are worth more to others; and we have not begun to apprehend the doctrine of Christ until we realize the obligation that inheres in these possessions. Christ proclaims the law of service, the obligation to use that which inheres in possessions of every kind, that the duty of the man who has, is to give to the man who has not. Christianity sends the individual forth into the world with a command. "Freely ye have received, freely give," and to just the extent that some possessions are more valuable than others, to that extent is the duty that attaches to them more sacred and binding. It means more for the world that virtues should be extended than that money should be distributed. The cause of human wretchedness, the source of social evils, is not lack of bread, but lack of intelligence and industry, of courage and faith. Therefore to bestow these is the higher duty.

Our century shows its Christian character in the growing sense of obligation toward the ignorant and idle, the hopeless and the vicious. Considering the interests involved, no duty is more imperative than that of citizenship. We have said that the essential principle of democracy is the duty of every man to contribute to the common weal, and the spread of democracy is therefore an evidence of the recognition of Christian truth, but the further progress in any democratic country waits upon the recognition of obligation by those who have the most to contribute. Upon them rests the greater responsibility, because of greater ability.

We must not overlook one feature of Christ's doctrine of obligation. It was obligation toward all the world. He seemed ever conscious of the multitudes beyond, the men of every nation who needed truth and righteousness. This thought of all mankind, this devotion to all mankind was so characteristic of Christ that it becomes at once a test of the dominance of his spirit in any land or in any age; and it is by this test that our own century is entitled to be called Christian, for it is marked as has been no other century since the development of humanitarian interests and sympathy, and has made the whole world a necessary field of philanthropic effort. The application of Christ's doctrine of ministry to national life, as seen in the awakening of a national conscience, the enlistment of national forces for the righting of wrongs in other lands, the extension of civilization to other peoples, is one of the distinguishing features of these closing years of the century. Hereafter the strong will bend to hear the infirmities of the weak, and the selfish appeal of national

peace and prosperity will not be permitted to drown the cry of the persecuted and helpless. That this may be the meaning of American patriotism we fervently hope, so that our intelligence and strength may be used for others, our institutions and privileges be given to humanity, and American citizenship mean the obligations of brotherhood in the great family of God upon earth.

“Young men of the graduating class :

“I have sought to bring before you in various ways the out-workings of a principle that is your Christian inheritance and should be your guide in the future which now invites you. You have been blessed with special privileges, as for four years you have received the instruction and inspiration of the old college whose name you will bear before the world. You have sat at the feet of men of wisdom, who have not spared to give you of their best, who have rejoiced to give you of themselves. To a degree not realized in every institution of learning you have felt the influence of their personal friendship and devotion, and have lived in an atmosphere of culture and Christian ideals.

“With knowledge denied to many, with trained powers enjoyed by few, you now go forth from their fostering care. To what end will you devote your gifts? That is the question I have tried to help you to answer. The age to which you belong is distinguished from all others by its recognition of the truth of stewardship. In whatever way you turn your energies keep that truth ever in view. Your privileges lay upon you an obligation. It is expected of you that you will be leaders. Lead forward and upward by illustrating in your lives the law of service. If, in the providence of God, you become possessors of wealth, make it evident to all that you hold your riches as a trust. If large professional ability and opportunity become yours use them for broad and unselfish ends. As men of character, give to others the courage and hope and christian faith that have been given to you. Make your citizenship a stewardship for a furtherance of all the ends of righteousness in government, and your patriotism a zeal for the progress of righteousness and truth in all the world. So shall you live worthy of Him who has called you from darkness into light and has made you His servants in the world. That you may never fail of inspiration to serve, I counsel you to hold close fellowship with Him, whose spirit quickens all that is worthiest and best and whose loving favor is the crown of life.”

The Theta chapter of Psi U gave a delightful reception at their chapter house Monday afternoon after the Grove exercises.

The Grove Exercises.

Although Commencement began with Dr. Raymond's Baccalaureate sermon, the real program of the week was opened by the Ivy exercises held in the college grove. The beautiful weather presented a striking contrast to last year's thunderstorm and the garden appeared at its best. The beauty of the scene was greatly enhanced by the number of pretty faces and gowns.

The first number on the program was the ivy oration by George M. Wiley. Mr. Wiley, with well chosen remarks, spoke of the purpose and signification of the exercises and gave some good advice to each of the under classes. Next George C. Rowell read the ivy poem written by Charles C. Ballard who was compelled to be absent because of his acceptance of a fellowship in Western Maryland University. Following this came the smoking of the pipe of peace while the orchestra discoursed sweet music. Harrison K. Wright delivered the pipe oration in which he spoke of the various uses the pipe has been put to and of the consolation and cheer it gives to its users. At the conclusion of his remarks the senior class proceeded in a body to Memorial Hall where the ivy was planted with due solemnity and ceremony.

A large number of people were present and the exercises were thoroughly enjoyed by everybody.

The Prize Oratory.

The oratorical contests were held as usual on Monday evening. The sophomore speakers were P. L. Merriman, A. S. Golden, John McNab, and R. A. Bowden. The junior orators were W. D. Brown, J. D. Edwards, C. J. Potter and E. L. Winterberg. The extemporaneous debaters were I. W. Ketchum, '99; E. C. Rogers, 1900; H. K. Wright, '99; and W. D. Loucks, 1900. In the first two contests the speakers chose their own subjects. The general subject in the extemporaneous speaking was, "The Electoral Franchise," and the special subject announced last evening was, "Are the Recent Educational Qualifications in Southern Constitutions justified by the circumstances?"

The names of winners of these three contests are printed in another column among the awards.

Alumni Register.

- '41, L. D. Luce.
 '44, W. H. H. Moore.
 '48, C. A. Waldron, Alex. J. Thomson, Harvey T. King.
 '49, George W. Curtiss, S. Wells, Albon Man, F. W. Seward, Daniel Butterfield, Abel Merchant, H. T. F. Brown.
 '52, S. B. Brownell.
 '54, P. R. Furbeck, A. A. Yates.
 '56, N. S. Cheeseman.
 '57, G. M. Wiley.
 '59, J. H. Robinson, C. H. Peck, David Herron.
 '60, Alexander Rankin, C. E. Patterson.
 '64, S. G. Wakeman.
 '65, W. H. Albro, J. K. Paige.
 '67, M. G. Plank, W. M. Murray, A. R. Olney.
 '69, E. C. Lawrence.
 '71, C. O. Yates, G. W. Featherstonhaugh.
 '72, Wm. J. Kline, T. C. Bunyan.
 '73, Wm. T. Clute, Wm. F. Rost.
 '74, G. A. Hoadley, James F. Baker.
 '75, Harwood Dudley.
 '76, Harvey B. Seymour, O. H. Landreth, E. E. Kreigsman, James R. Truax.
 '77, G. W. Albright, C. E. Akin, J. C. Russum.
 '79, James Heatley, David Sprague, E. P. White, Edward Hoyt, A. C. Dingleman, F. Van Dusen, G. E. Marks, J. A. Goodrich, David James.
 '80, R. C. Alexander, C. P. S. Crane, J. T. Rogers, David Muhlfelder, R. J. Landon.
 '81, H. G. Glen, E. W. White, F. W. Cameron.
 '82, A. S. Wright, W. Gifford, S. M. Griswold.
 '83, F. W. McClellen.
 '84, W. N. P. Dailey, Egdar S. Barney, H. A. Young, J. F. McEncroe.
 '85, R. J. Wands, H. D. Griswold, Frank Bailey.
 '86, E. C. Angle, L. C. Felthousen, A. H. Jackson, G. L. Darwin.
 '87, E. W. Hawkes, A. H. Pepper, E. C. Cameron, G. T. DeForest, J. C. Van Voast, A. L. Bennett, E. W. Miller.
 '88, P. H. Cole, F. D. Richards, A. J. Dillingham.
 '89, R. H. Washburne, D. M. Nolan, John L. Whalen, Chas. W. Culver, R. H. Gillespie, James H. Hanson, P. S. Dorlon.
 '90, J. M. Furman, John C. Knox, G. C. Stewart.
 '91, Jas. W. Ferguson.
 '92, E. S. Coons, J. V. Wemple.
 '93, A. J. Roy, Frank Cooper, J. R. Morey.
 '94, Nathan Beckwith, J. W. Veeder.
 '95, Francis E. Holleran, Edgar Brown, L. C.

Guernsey, Walter McEwan, J. N. Veeder, James M. Cass, W. F. Sawyer, W. R. Borst, G. S. Streeter, F. M. Eames, H. M. Pollock.

'96, G. C. Pollock, C. H. Vosburgh, J. B. Anderson, George J. Dann, A. L. Peckham, D. M. Westfall, jr., W. L. Terry, H. M. West, Roscoe Guernsey, B. H. Boorn.

'97, Ray Morris, P. J. Strohauer, S. E. Slocum, C. S. Daley, H. C. Todd, Frank Little, A. H. Birch, J. A. O'Neill.

'98, George C. Perry, Abel Merchant, jr., C. H. Mattison, J. G. Putnam, M. L. Haviland, Ralph Bradford.

Sigma Xi's Meeting.

The Sigma society met in North college on Tuesday morning. Little business was transacted except the selection of Prof. Perkins as a member of the council and of Prof. T. W. Wright as a delegate to the convention at Columbus in August. All of last year's officers were re-elected except Prof. Prosser whose place as corresponding secretary was filled by the election of Dr. Stoller. No new members were elected from the graduating class.

Phi Beta Kappa Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa society was held Tuesday morning in the Washburn building. Dr. J. Rufus Tryon was elected an honorary member of the society, and all of last year's officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. They are as follows: President, Benjamin H. Ripton; vice president, Dr. W. L. Pearson; secretary, Frederick R. Jones; corresponding secretary, John I. Bennett; treasurer, Robert J. Landon. The Phi Beta Kappa key men in the graduating class are: Charles C. Ballard, Schenectady; Snyder Gage, Johnstown; Irving W. Ketchum, Schenectady; Edward W. Strong, Schenectady; and Harrison K. Wright, Pulaski.

It is said that next fall there will be several changes in the curriculum in so far as the electives are concerned.

Meeting of Alumni.

The general alumni meeting was held in the chapel Tuesday morning. The chief interest of the meeting was involved in the discussion of the proposition to change the qualifications and the method of election of the board of trustees. It was decided that an application to the board of regents to amend the charter would necessarily be the first thing in order. It is thought that an election of trustees by mail would be very desirable. The scheme is that the alumni are first to nominate by mail and then elect the trustees from a list of all candidates receiving a vote of ten ballots. There is to be no territorial restriction. The life memberships of the board are to be abolished and the term of office is to be five years. The trustees are to be arranged in five classes so that one may be elected each year.

A committee was appointed to wait upon the trustees in session to learn what action they had taken upon the proposition. The committee ascertained that the trustees desired more time to consider the matter.

The election of an alumni trustee to succeed Congressman Foote followed. General Daniel Butterfield, '49, was nominated and was unanimously elected.

The association elected the following officers for the next year: President, Frank Bailey, '85, Brooklyn; vice-president, Neil Gilmour, '60, Ballston; secretary, Dr. William T. Clute, '73, Schenectady; treasurer, Allan H. Jackson, '86, Schenectady; executive committee, Harvey J. King, '48, Troy; James Heatley, '79, Green Island; Frank Cooper, '93, Schenectady; W. N. P. Dailey, '84, Athens; Douglass Campbell, '94, New York; bulletin committee, Edward C. Hoyt, '79; A. L. Bennett, '87, and A. MacFarlane, '84; member of the advisory athletic board, Robert J. Landon, '80.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage at Nashville, Tenn., of Mr. Howard Murfree Jones, '95, to Miss Marion Tucker, daughter of Mrs. Thomas A. Tucker.

The Alumni Dinner.

A goodly number of graduates attended the alumni dinner given in Nott Memorial Hall on Tuesday afternoon. After the menu prepared by Caterer Owens had been discussed, President Bailey, who acted as toastmaster, arose and made an eloquent address, after which President Raymond was called upon and spoke in the same happy vein as did Mr. Bailey.

The college, he said, is now facing the future with confidence. It is now standing upon a firm financial basis, and has the advantage of knowing just where it stands.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING DONATED.

As an evidence of a brighter future, he announced the good news that a distinguished graduate of the college would make to the college the generous gift of a Y. M. C. A. building intended to become a rallying place of undergraduate life. The plans for the building have already been accepted. It will be erected between south college and Prof. Hoffman's residence.

NINETY-NINE'S GENEROUS OFFER.

James N. Vander Veer, '99, announced the plan of the graduating class to thoroughly modernize and remodel south college. The sum of \$11,000 is to be raised for the purpose by subscription. As a start, the class of '99 has generously subscribed the sum of \$250. The trustees have not only given their consent, but are anxious to further the project. A committee of fifteen members will be chosen from the graduating class. Ten members of the committee, one of whom will be chosen from each of the fraternities of the college, will write to their alumni for subscriptions, large or small. The five remaining members, who are to be non-fraternity men, will communicate with the other alumni in the interest of the enterprise. From the general committee of fifteen, five members will be chosen to compose the executive committee, which will have the management of the project under the supervision of the local trustees. This worthy project should be aided by all.

The other speakers at the dinner were: Frederick W. Seward, '49; General Daniel Butterfield, '49; Rev. Clarence Buell, '49; George Martin Wiley, '59; Professor Perkins, Rev. Dr. Egbert C. Lawrence, '69; Captain A. P. White, '79; Professor G. W. Fairgreen, '89 and Michael D. Lowell, '89.

The Kappa Alpha society entertained at the lodge on Saturday afternoon, June 24.

The Class Day Exercises.

The class day exercises of the graduating class were held in the First Presbyterian church, Tuesday afternoon, June 27. The exercises were begun by President Bradford, who spoke of the many happy hours the members of the class had spent in Schenectady and said that college life would have been one continuous grind had it not been for the hospitality of the people of "Old Dorp."

The class poem, which was written by Charles Clear Ballard of Schenectady, was read by Harrison K. Wright of Pulaski.

The historian, George C. Rowell of Ogdensburg, read the history of the class and gave a brief account of its most "celebrated" members.

The last on the program was the prophecy by Daniel J. Hoyt of Amsterdam. He gave a short prophecy for each member of the class.

The officers of the class are as follows: President, LeRoy T. Bradford; vice-president, George A. Doran; secretary, Harrison K. Wright; treasurer, Ferdinand Schmitter; toast master, James N. VanderVeer; historian, George C. Rowell; ivy orator, George M. Wiley; ivy poet, Charles C. Ballard; pipe orator, Harrison K. Wright; class orator, Irving W. Ketchum; grand marshal, W. F. H. Breeze.

The oldest alumnus to register was L. D. Luce, '41, of Fayetteville. Mr. Luce has been familiar figure at many commennements. He graduated at 19 and was the youngest of a class of 80.

Professor Sidney G. Ashmore will sail for Europe on Saturday, July 8th, from New York on the Cunard steamer, Etruria. He will go first to Oxford, England, for the purpose of inspecting manuscripts at the Bodleian library. He will also pursue his manuscript research in the Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris. Dr. Ashmore goes abroad partly on account of his health as well as for research. He will be gone about two months.

The Graduating Exercises on Commencement Day.

In contrast to the two previous days of commencement week which had been cool and clear, Wednesday was damp and disagreeable, yet the enthusiasm displayed by the large crowd at the First Presbyterian church was certainly as great as that displayed at Class Day Exercises or at the College grove.

The first speaker, Charles Clear Ballard of Schenectady, whose oration was entitled "Mirabeau," was excused, so the oration of Snyder Gage of Johnstown, entitled "The Relation of Locke's Philosophy to the French Revolution," was the first one listened to. Mr. Gage said that every nation has some great crisis, as we may see in the history of England in the 17th century or of America in the 18th century, and France was no exception to the rule. There were many causes for the Revolution, but the one exerting the most influence was the decay of religious beliefs. There were many great men and of course they influenced the nation but as they obtained the beginning of their learning from John Locke, they promulgated his theories. His "theory of knowledge," that all knowledge is gained through experience, and his "doctrine of the State," that no man is a member of any state or subject to any government except voluntarily, exerted a great influence on these scholars and so on the country. Since everything was brilliant outwardly, while rotten inwardly, it was not wonderful that the people were eager for the advancement of Locke's theories.

The next speaker, Harold J. Hinman of Albany, had for his subject, "Political Economy and the Future." After giving a short review of political economy to the past he said that the important factor in the acquiring of wealth was the intellectual element. Knowledge and mental force are called for in every phase of life today so the task of political economy is to aid all agencies which tend to keep moral and mental development and the widening of man's sphere. It seems hard to realize that the Peace Conference is in session since now the

Utopia of yesterday bids fair to become the actuality of tomorrow.

Irving W. Ketchum of Schenectady, spoke on "The Possibility for the Future Development of Great Personalities." Some say that the great characters of the world are not being equalled and that with the passing away of war will also be the passing away of great characters. Since such questions as slavery and the penal code have been settled changes will no longer be by revolutions but by peaceful means. This is a pessimistic view of things and there is nothing in it to inspire a man higher since he has reached his ideal.

Clayton A. Snyder spoke on "Some Signs of the Times," and in brief said that knowledge and literature have never before reached the level they have now attained. The great question of sociology is centralization of industry, and it is a problem not to be solved once for all but we can approach it little by little. The spirit of humanity is also an excellent sign and the frequency with which we see it displayed seems to portend well for the future. The "Parliament of Men and Federation of the World" of which Whittier speaks seems not far off, so let our motto be "Ever onward, ever upward."

"Ethics and Human Progress" was the topic dealt with by Harrison K. Wright of Pulaski. Progress of every nation and age has some distinctive feature. In almost every case in the past we find that the general tendency is forward. All phenomena are now explained by evolution, and if the original teachers of this theory could hear the lengths to which some go now in making use of this as an explanation they would be surprised. The man who is true to reason and acts in accordance with it is sure to climb upward. So this is indicative of the cause why we should be hopeful.

The Valedictory was delivered by Edward W. Strong of Schenectady, whose subject was "The Disfranchisement of the Negro." He said there are two events of recent date of interest to this matter, the decision of the Mississippi court proposing to deprive the negro of his franchise, and the election of November, 1898,

and the spirit in which it was carried. Several states have already taken action against the negro but it seems as if it must be contrary to the constitution. In some of the northern states the requirements for a voter are difficult even though the educational standard of the people is high, so what should they be in the south. Since the negroes live from hand to mouth they are not tax payers so this seems another reason why distinction should be made between them and those who do pay taxes. It is just that the whites should rule but not just that "poor whites" should have a vote and the negro not. Since these questions effect every community '99 must soon deal with them and it was eager for the test.

In saying farewell to President Raymond he wished that success would attend him in the future as it had in the past. To the trustees he said that their care and foresight were appreciated and that as their past was great so might their future be. He said that the lofty ideals given the class by the faculty had lifted them up, and in a great measure whatever success they may meet with later is due to the faculty's efforts. The sorrow of '99 is softened by the pleasant memories of the past and the fellowships formed. After long preparation they are now ready to be tested and are eager for the trial. They must stand by their motto, "Labor conquers all" and be strong and brave.

The engineering theses were, as usual, not read. The subjects and the writers were as follows:

"The Photometry of Incandescent Lamps," Edmund LeC. Hegeman, Plainfield, N. J.; "The Water Power Available from the College Brook," Morton Moore Price, Schenectady;" "Characteristic Curves of a 14 kw. Westinghouse Generator," Frederick H. Weston, jr., Schenectady.

The honorary chancellor's address was delivered by Dr. Hamilton Wright Mabie. His effort was a fine one and during the time he spoke he held the closest attention of the large audience. A brief synopsis of the address follows:

It is now generally believed that man originally issued out of nature. Then we are no longer pupils of nature, but her children.

If man did not actually issue out of nature it is certain that nature mingled with his earliest life, assisting and sustaining it, until now man stands on an equality with nature, dividing his tasks with her.

Nature gives nothing to man but beauty, forcing him to earn everything else, and so binding together morality and education. But this educational process is not confined in its uses to the race, for it has the specific training for every individual.

That mysterious personal force which we call genius is something deeper and greater than intellect. It is a kind of energy which issues out of the very recesses of man's nature.

The creative mind, like the tree, takes in only that which it can assimilate, only that which is related to its own structure or quality.

Men of the first rank are always intensely individual. They are never composite; they are always perfect types. Vague generalizations have no power to inspire the artist. Art always depends on definite, clearly realized, strongly marked types, and the more perfect the type the wider and more complete the revelation of the universal truth which is made through it. This law not only governs art, but as well the development of character and mind.

Repose is the essential condition of deep and genuine growth. But repose is not sluggishness and inactivity. It is rather quietness and calmness behind activity. We, as Americans, need to learn from nature more than any other lesson, that of calmness and quietness of soul. We cannot be fed either by nature or by experience until we are open to receive. A restless nature is not sensitive to impressions.

Perhaps the greatest refreshment which men now gain from nature flows from our unconsciousness. Literature, art, and religion are full of the evidences of self consciousness, the disease which has smitten our age.

"Fundamental education does not mean the training of the organs of expression, but the enrichment, the enlargement and the deepening of that personality which is our only original possession, the only creative power with which we are endowed, and no education, however perfect in method and skillful device, is other than superficial which does not reach, liberate and inspire this hidden nature, which is the man himself."

DEGREES CONFERRED.

At the conclusion of Dr. Mabie's address, President Raymond spoke a final word of encourage-

ment to the graduating class, after which he conferred the following degrees:

Bachelors of Arts.—Charles C. Ballard, LeRoy T. Bradford, William Barton Davis, Snyder Gage, Olin C. Hotchkiss, Daniel James Hoyt, Irving Washington Ketchum, Morgan Sheridan Post, John Everett Sawyer, Ferdinand Schmitter, Edward Winslow Strong, James Newell VanderVeer, George Martin Wiley, Jr., Harrison K. Wright.

Bachelors of Philosophy.—William F. H. Breeze, F. Roy Champion, Robert Milo Eames, Robert Calvin Gambee, Frederick Lincoln Greene, Stillman S. Ham, Harold J. Hinman, Joseph Mark, Dix Webster Noel, George C. Rowell, Clayton A. Snyder, Frank T. Wright.

Bachelors of Science.—Floyd Johnston Bonesteel, Lloyd D. Bray, Albert Osborne Casey, Frank H. Fisk, Jr., Wilford Thompson Purchase, John L. Sherwood, William Joseph Smith.

Bachelors of Engineering.—Havilah Beardsley, George Andrew Doran, George Clarke Foote, J. Irving Gayetty, Edmund LeC. Hegeman, Anthony James Hornsby, Burton E. Huggins, Robert Marshall Huntley, Stephen Clarke Medbery, Morton Moore Price, Frederick H. Weston, Jr.

The following honorary degrees were also conferred by Dr. Raymond:

B. S.—George A. Holcombe, '98.

A. B.—Robert A. Dorr of New York.

D. D.—Senior Chaplain of the U. S. A., the Rev. George Robinson, '61, and the Rev. Force Whitaker of Albany.

L. H. D.—Ira N. Hollis of Harvard university.

L. L. D.—Sidney A. Norton, '55, of Ohio State University, and Hamilton W. Mabie.

PRIZES AWARDED.

The following prizes were then announced and awarded by Dr. Raymond and the special committees:

Warner prize to the senior of highest standing in the performance of collegiate duties, and in moral deportment, awarded by the faculty.—Edward W. Strong of Schenectady.

Ingham prize to the senior of at least two years' attendance who presents the best essay on an assigned subject in English literature or history. Committee, the Rev. J. Walter Sylvester and Mr. Michael Monahan of Albany, and Mr. Greene of Honesdale, Pa.—H. K. Wright of Pulaski.

Allen prizes (three) for the best essays on any subject, from seniors. Committee, the Rev. Walton D. Battershall, D. D., of Albany, James C. Riggs, of Plattsburgh, Charles C. Lester, '70, of Saratoga, and the Rev. A. C. Sewall, D. D., of Schenectady.—Irving W. Ketchum of Schenectady,

first; H. K. Wright of Pulaski, second; and W. B. Davis of Schenectady, third.

Clark prizes for the best two essays by members of the junior class, on assigned subjects in English literature. Committee, the Rev. Dennis Wortman, D. D., of Saugerties, and Fred VanDusen, Ph. D., '79, of Ogdensburg.—Melvin T. Bender of Albany, first; Leslie N. Broughton of Delhi, second.

Junior Oratorical prizes, Clayton J. Potter of Glenville, first; Emil L. Winterberg of Tioga, Pa., second.

Sophomore Oratorical prizes, John McNab of Troy, first; Robert A. Bowden of Schenectady, second.

Allison-Foote prizes (two)—One for the Literary society, one for the best individual debater regardless of society relations. Committee, Hon. Amasa J. Parker of Albany, and Hon. Judson S. Landon and Mr. W. R. Emmett of Schenectady.—The Adelpic society won the society prize and Irving W. Ketchum of Schenectady the individual prize.

Prize offered by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for the best essay on a given subject. Committee, Prof. Benjamin H. Rip-ton, Ph. D., '80, Prof. Edward E. Hale, Jr., Ph. D., and F. Robertson Jones, Ph. D.—Lester T. Hubbard of Cohoes.

Blatchford Oratorical Medals for the best two orations by Seniors; awarded by a committee appointed by the trustees.—H. J. Hinman of Albany, first; and E. W. Strong of Schenectady, second.

John K. Porter law scholarships—F. Roy Champion and Wm. B. Davis of Schenectady and Dix W. Noel of Chicago.

Gilbert M. Spier memorial scholarship—H. J. Hinman of Albany.

SPECIAL HONORS.

The following special honors were announced: In Greek, Edward W. Strong; in Latin, William B. Davis, John E. Sawyer, Edward W. Strong; in English, Harrison K. Wright; in history, Olin C. Hotchkiss; in philosophy, William B. Davis, Irving W. Ketchum; in chemistry, Ferdinand Schmitter.

Dr. Raymond announced that a new annual prize had been offered by the late Miss Josephine Daggett of this city to a member of the senior class on the basis of conduct and moral character.

He further said that during the past year the college has been meeting its expenses without borrowing money, and the trustees have every reason to expect that from this time on the financial condition of the institution will improve.

The president repeated his announcement made at the alumni dinner of the gift by an alumnus of a new Y. M. C. A. building on the campus, and

he further mentioned as among those who have aided the college during the past year the late Hon. Rosewell P. Flower, and Cornelius N. Bliss.

The exercises closed in the usual manner, the assemblage rising and singing the "Song to Old Union," John Keyes Paige, '65, presiding at the organ; after which the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Force Whittaker of Albany.

The Commencement Concert.

The annual June concert was held Tuesday evening at the Van Curler before a large and appreciative audience. From the first to the last number there were vigorous encores. The glee club with its college songs no doubt touched the heart of every one present, and especially of the alumni. The various clubs did credit to their selections, and in John Kendrick Bangs' farce, "Proposing Under Difficulties," which occupied the second part of the program, the evening's entertainment had a humorous and fitting close. This part of the entertainment was something of an innovation, and as such it proved a great success. The four members of the cast did full justice to their parts and kept the audience in the best of humor throughout. The cast of characters was as follows:

Mr. Bob Yardsley, . . .	} Suitors for the hand	Mr. Van Vlack
Mr. Jack Barlow, . . .	} of Miss Andrews.	Mr. Crain
Miss Dorothy Andrews, a much loved young woman,		
.		Mr. W. S. Yates
Jenne, a maid,		Mr. Bothwell
Hicks, a coachman who does not appear.		

The musical association has closed a most successful season. Excellent management and good leadership have brought the clubs of '98-'99 up to a high state of perfection, and it is to be hoped that next year's clubs will do as well. The success of the minstrel performance and of Tuesday night's farce suggests a combination of the two interests, musical and dramatic, under one head for next year. By such a union of the two, expenses could be cut down and clubs sent out which would be a departure from this year's organization and which would as well be a credit to the college.

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THE baseball season, which started out so auspiciously, came to rather an unsatisfactory termination. Unsatisfactory from the standpoint of the league as a whole and unsatisfactory from a Union standpoint. Nothing tends more to weaken a league than to have some of its members withdrawing at a critical time. We question whether Colgate and Hobart should have cancelled their games when they did, unless of course there were other circumstances involved aside from the fact that their chances for the pennant were poor. Colgate's action at almost the season's end left Union and Hamilton tied for first place. The efforts to arrange a game between the two were unsuccessful and, accordingly, the question as to where the pennant goes, if there is any, must be left until next fall for decision by the advisory board of the league which meets at Utica on October 7.

NOW THAT commencement week is over, a little reflection suggest lines of action which may be followed out to bring about some needed improvements. Not least important among these is the

matter of the attendance of alumni upon commencement. This year saw the number of alumni back the largest since the centennial in 1895, but even so, there ought to be at next year's commencement three or even four times as many of the alumni to return. To bring about this result there have been suggested many ways. And, as everyone knows who was at the meeting of the alumni association, some of the proposed plans are directly opposed to each other. Without taking sides with either of the two views there expressed, it would seem that the plan here outlined ought to bring about good results. During the summer, and throughout the coming college year let every student and alumnus make it a point to get together as many items as possible concerning Union alumni, paying particular attention to the decennial classes from '40 down to '90. These notes may be handed to the editors of The Concordiensis who are desirous of collecting information about members of those classes to hold reunions next June. The news of each of these classes can be gathered in a separate issue, copies of this number sent to the individual members of the class, and so a spirit of interest worked up which ought to be the means of getting together a much larger number of alumni next June.

THE Developments of the past week with regard to the future of the college must certainly be gratifying to every student, alumnus and friend of Old Union; and the sound of those ringing speeches at the alumni dinner must still be heard in the ears of all who feared for the future welfare of this grand old institution. The board of trustees tell us that the college was never on a firmer financial basis than she is today. They tell us that the work of the coming year will proceed on the same basis as has that of the one just passed, and that there is every reason to believe that the college's financial condition will grow stronger each year. The trustees point with pride to the loyal offer of the graduating class to be the means of raising a fund to thoroughly renovate South college—an offer seldom if ever equalled by a graduating class before—and with '99 at the helm, the project ought certainly to reach accomplishment. Then, too,

President Raymond announces the founding of a new prize for commencement, and, best of all, comes the welcome news that the campus is soon to be graced by a new Y. M. C. A. building, the gift of a prominent alumnus. The choice of the alumni for a trustee has fallen on a man than whom no more loyal son of Union college ever lived, and General Butterfield's oft-repeated expression of this loyalty places him in the front rank of those sons of the college who have given her financial aid. Taken all in all, there is much cause for gratification, for a new area is in prospect for our alma mater.

Fraternity Night.

After the concert on Tuesday night reunions were held at the different fraternity houses. Some took on the form of elaborate banquets while others were informal. Many of the crowds serenaded their lady friends.

The Delta Phi reunion was held at the Edison and an elaborate spread was served. Among the alumni present were: Edward W. Cameron, '87; Charles P. McMurray, '87; Alexander J. Thomson, '48; Henry H. Esselstyn, '93; Hiram C. Todd, '97; A. H. Birch, '97; Prof. S. G. Ashmore; Dr. W. L. Pearson, '68; J. D. Watkins, '98; Fred. Hild, '98; J. W. Haggart, '98; H. A. Crothers, '98; E. W. Schermerhorn, ex-'99; the Rev. Dr. William Irwin of Rutgers; Dr. James L. Hunt of Michigan and John C. Armstrong of Johns Hopkins.

The Chi Psis enjoyed a spread and smoker at their lodge at the foot of college hill. Among the alumni present were: The Rev. Clarence Buell, '49; Col. William F. Fox, '69; Harwood Dudley, '72; William T. Clute, '73; William C. Vrooman, '72; W. S. Hunter, '68; F. Cooper, '93; John S. Morey, '93; Henry D. Tremper, Rutgers; Alva L. Peckham, '97; the Rev. G. E. Talmage, Rutgers; Theodore B. Brown, '98; James C. Cooper, '97; H. Earl Furman, '94; and Newman Walbridge, ex-1900.

Psi Upsilon held an informal reunion at their chapter house. Among those present were: B. H. Ripton, '75; W. T. Foote, jr., '85; Chas. M. Culver, '89; Chas. W. Trumbull, '92; F. T. Richards, '88; John M. Furman, '89; A. S. Wright, '82; Horatio

Glen, '81; J. R. Truax, '76; T. W. Wright, R. W. Gillespie, '83. W. L. Sawyer, '95; and W. E. Merriman, jr., '98.

The Sigma Phis entertained the following alumni: Henry Camp Potter, '39; M. W. Franchot, '65; E. W. Paige, '66; Howard Conant, '92; Edward Coons, '92; H. McCowatt, '99; W. G. Kellogg, ex-'99; G. W. Featherstonhaugh, '71; J. W. Veeder, '94; W. G. Gilmour, '88; Robert Gilmour, '94; Ed. Yelverton, Frank Van der Bogart, '95; Abel Smith, ex-'98; B. Cleveland Sloan, '83; R. Hamilton Gibbs, P. B. Yates, '98.

A large number of alumni were entertained at the Alpha Delta Phi house. Among them were: The Rev. Geo. Alexander, '66; Chas. E. Sprague, '60; Lee W. Case, '82; the Rev. S. M. Griswold, '82; J. C. Van Voast, '87; G. L. Streeter, '95; J. L. Johnson, '95; F. W. McClellan, '83; H. S. Raymond, '93; C. S. Daley, '97; Wm. P. Rudd, '73; Wm. J. Kline, '72; Howard Hanson, '89; E. C. Angle, '86; D. H. Craver, '96; Alden L. Bennett, '87; Fred. L. Carroll, '90; Edward T. Carroll, '89; Putnam Cady, '85; T. L. Walker, '91; James Walker, '92; W. E. Walker, '95; John A. De Reemer, '57; W. J. Stone, ex-'99; H. A. DeGraff, '96; N. I. Schermerhorn, '95; Chas. B. Templeton, '84; Dr. A. V. V. Raymond, '75; Dr. E. E. Hale, jr., Harvard; Prof. John I. Bennett, '90; S. A. Easton, Dartmouth; Fred. Miles, ex-'99; Wentworth Tucker, ex-'99.

At the Beta Theta Pi house the active chapter entertained the following alumni: A. G. Summers, '96; T. A. Chrichton, '98; D. H. Deyoe, '98; A. B. Andrews, '98; J. W. Ferguson, '91; F. W. Closs, '98; D. F. Van Wormer, ex-'99; R. H. Washburne, '89; A. J. Dillingham, '88; W. E. McEwan, '95; Guy Vrooman, '98; F. E. Crane, '85; and the Rev. Philip H. Cole, '88.

The Phi Gamma Deltas, the Phi Delta Thetas and the Kappa Alphas each had informal gatherings, the two former at their chapter houses and the latter at their rooms in the post office building.

The Delta Upsilon held their reunion on Monday night. These alumni were present: J. A. O'Neil, '97; P. R. Furbeck, '54; R. A. Avery, '98; G. A. Holcombe, '98; E. P. White, '79; and J. B. Wands, '65.

The trustees have announced the appointment of Instructor Howard Opdyke as assistant professor of mathematics, and of Instructor Frederick Robertson Jones as assistant professor in history and Sociology.

The Senior Ball.

The last and crowning event of Commencement week was the Senior ball, held in Nott Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, June 28. This dance, aside from the Sophomore soiree, is the only large dance of the year, and the opportunities offered on Wednesday night for having a good time were fully appreciated by the large number of young people present.

In previous years it has been the custom to have, for dancing, a false floor covered with crash. But the soiree demonstrated the impracticability of the crash as a permanent fixture and therefore the senior ball committee decided, in order to make their dance a success, to lay a hard wood floor in the building. After much labor the committee succeeded in gaining the consent of the trustees for the laying of a permanent floor, and they further succeeded in raising a sum of money sufficient to cover the cost.

Memorial hall requires very little decoration, but the natural beauty of the building was greatly enhanced by the furniture and flags which were used in profusion. The orchestra stand was attractively decorated with American flags and bunting and the canopy was raised to the third gallery.

The guests began to arrive at about ten o'clock, and soon the merry couples began to glide through the intricate mazes of the waltz to the strains of "My Lady Love." Gioscia's orchestra of twelve pieces furnished the music, and outside of the twenty-five regular dances, "Jo" played innumerable "extras," "don't counts," "incidentals," "accidentals," "any-old-things," "damfinos," etc., till it was after daybreak, when the affair came to an end, and a throng of tired but happy young people left for their homes.

Refreshments were served during the evening by caterer Owens of Utica.

The patronesses were as follows:

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Mrs. Daniel Butterfield, Mrs. A. V. V. Raymond, Mrs. E. W. Rice, jr., Mrs. B. H. Ripton, Mrs. William Wells, Mrs. J. S. Landon, Mrs. H. C. Levis,

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Among those present from out of town were: Miss Bothwell, Albany; the Misses Heatley, Troy; Earl, Clinton; Mitchell, Amsterdam; Lewis, Syracuse; Andrews, Williamstown; Mac Intosh, Watertown; Frear, Kingston; Newell, Kingston; Haile, Gouvenor; Carkener, Kingston; Gilbert, San Francisco; Newell, Little, Warner, Sanford, Rochester; Lawrence, Quogue; Breneman, Cincinnatti; Conde, Watertown; Beebe, Albany, Crocker, Albany; Mac Culloch, Albany; Sheldon, Little Falls; Vincent, New York; Davis, Middletown, Conn.; Marshall, Baltimore; Yates, Staten Island; Banker, Jackson. Others present from out of town were the Misses Sligh, Verbeck, Martin, White, Casey of Auburn; Judson, Esselstyne and Pearson of Hudson; Greenleaf, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bonesteel, Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Du Bois, Mrs. C. V. D. Young, Mrs. N. L. Casey of Auburn, and Messrs. Mabie of Ballston; Thompson of New Britain, Conn.; Walbridge of Buffalo; Bradford of Broadalbin.

Those from the city were Dr. and Mrs. A. V. V. Raymond, Prof. and Mrs. Ashmore, Mrs. John Keyes Paige, Mrs. Featherstonhaugh, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Truax and the Misses Yates, Pitkin, Brown, Vedder, Strain, Alexander, Steers, Cooney, Kreigsman, Landon, Miller, O'Neil, Watson, Fuller, Hoppman, Veeder, Button, Beattie, Hubbs, DeForest and the Messrs. P. B., W. C. and W. S. Yates, Lawrence, Featherstonhaugh, Warner, Gilmour, Cullings, Dunham, Hackett, Wiley, Purchase, Fisk, Bonesteel, Rogers, Cooper, Miller, Eames, Vander Veer, Stewart, Haviland, Wright, Merriman, Davis, Andrews, Pike, Palmer, Paige, Van Vlack, O'Neil, Bradt, Golden, Foote, Beardsley, Casey, Sawyer, Medbury, Champion, Noel, Furman, Greene, the Messrs. Bradford, Parsons, Berg, Smith, Price, Hornsby, Hegeman, Fuller, Kline, Huntley, Brownell, Loudses, Sinclair, Bray, Sanford, Strong, Gilmour, Hubbard, Sherwood, Thomas,

Parker, Palmer, W. E. Brown, H. J. Brown, Hoppman, Dunning, Loucks and Root.

The committee which had charge of the affair and to whom is due all credit for its brilliant success was composed of Messrs. Havilah Beardslles, Wilfred T. Purchase, Albert O. Casey, George C. Foote and E. LeC. Hegeman.

The Sigma Phi Dance.

The annual Sigma Phi dance was held in Yates' boat house Monday evening. The hall was prettily decorated and the dance was altogether a delightful one. The music was by Gioscia, the refreshments by Sinsabaugh.

The following were the out of town guests: Misses Haile from Gouverneur; Esselstyn and Pearson from Hudson; Sheldon from Little Falls; Carkener and Gilbert from Kansas City; Newell, Little, Warner, Sanford of Rochester; Banker from Jackson; Lawrence of Quogue; Conde of Watertown; Bancroft of San Francisco; Vincent of New York; Davis of Middletown, Conn.; Marshall, Mason of Baltimore; the Messrs. Kellogg, Watertown; Bunking and Minkle from Williams college; Daley, Stapleton; Little, Rochester; Sawyer, Sandy Hill; Merriman of Albany and Prof. MacKenzie from Boston.

Those present from this city were: The Misses Alexander, Strain, Schoolcraft, Brown, Price, Lewis, the Misses Yates, Horstmann, Clark, Schuyler, Button, the Misses Beattie, Paige, the Misses Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. G. DeB. Greene, Fuller, Walker, Williams, Pratt, Hildreth, Darling, Carey, Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. Erben, Mr. and Mrs. Smitley, and the Messrs. Lawrence, Greene, W. Yates, Hild, Brown, Sawyer, Strong, Price, Foote, Wright, Sherwood, Medbery, VanderVeer, Stewart, Huntley, Hinman, Brown, Bradford, Hegeman, Beardsley, R. Yates, P. Yates, Paige, Feather-

stonhaugh, Warner, R. F. Paige, John Jackson, Stothoff, Ellis, R. G. Gilmore, W. Gilmore, and E. W. Paige.

Magazine Review.

In the American Monthly Review of Reviews for July, the editor reviews the work of our delegation at the Hague up to date, presenting the latest phases of the arbitration question. Among other topics discussed in, "The Progress of the World" this month are "tariff trusts" as a political issue, the Dreyfus vindication, the war in the Philippines, the recent change in the civil service rules, and the newly elected college presidents. John Barrett, former United States minister to Siam, contributes a summary of his impressions after his five years visit to the far East. "Rosa Bonheur and her Work," is the subject of an article by Ernest Knauff, and Mr. George Wharton James relates "A Pilgrimage to some Scenes of Spanish Occupancy in our Southwest."

Outing for July is a number full of appropriate summer reading. It fairly sparkles with good things to please the sportsman and the athlete. These are some of the features: "On a Pennsylvania Trout Stream," by E. W. Landys; "Hunting Alaskan White Sheep with Rifle and Camera," by Dall de Weese; "Catboating on Jersey Inland Waters," by Henry T. Brown; "The Golf Clubs of Chicago," Alexis J. Coleman; "Remote Norway," by Elizabeth Taylor; and a number of short articles among them, "How to Recognize Deadly Snakes," "A Glorious Fourth Awheel," "Canoeing Down the Penobscot," and "Five Weeks Awheel in France." An unusually full review of amateur sports for the month closes the number.

College Note.

All of the decennial classes from '49 to '89, as well as '84 to '96 held reunions during the week. In some classes they were held at the Edison hotel or Dobermann's, while others were informal gatherings.

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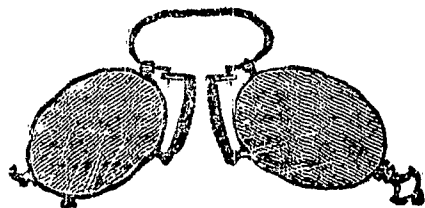
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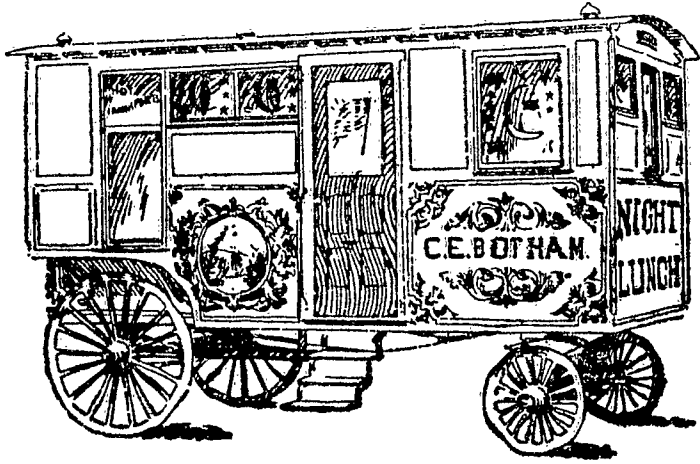
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