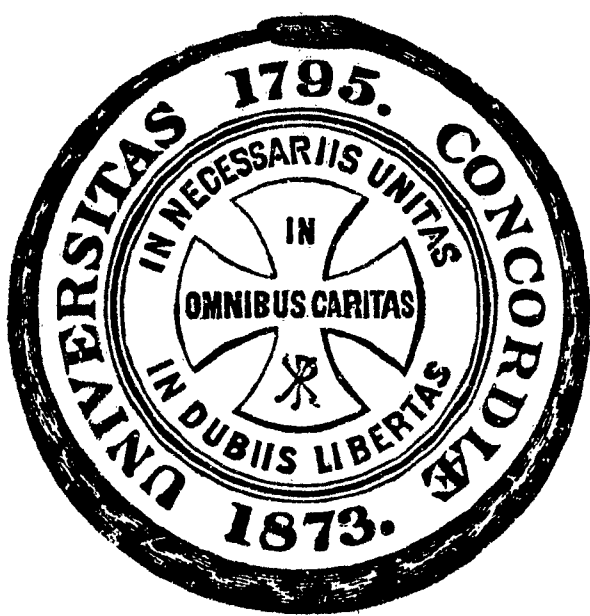


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AT REST.

Professor John Foster Passes Peacefully Away in Boston.

A telegram from Boston received in this city last Tuesday at noon announced the death of Professor John Foster. For a number of years he had been in decline but the tidings were unexpected. He had passed the four-score milestone and the angel of Death was not unwelcome.

Dr. Foster's health had been failing for the last nine months but he was still vigorous. About five weeks ago, in company with Mrs. Foster, he went to Boston and took lodgings there. On Monday he was seized with an attack of acute pneumonia and was removed to the hospital. All possible care was taken but it availed nothing and on Tuesday morning it was apparent that the end was near. About 11 o'clock in the morning he passed peacefully away.

Telegrams were at once sent to this city and a letter of instructions followed. Wednesday, meetings were held of the students, faculty and Sigma Phi fraternity to make arrangements. The body reached this city at 10:32 Wednesday evening, and was met at the station by the Sigma Phi fraternity and a students' committee as follows: '98, Bradford, Fisher, Little, Hammer, Reed, French; '99, Hegeman, Sawyer, Wiley, VanderVeer; 1900, Brownell, Dunham, Raitt, Thompson, Tinning; 1901, Cooper, Clements, Golden, McNab and Bennett. The remains were escorted to the college chapel, where they were placed until morning, attended by watchers from among the students. In the morning they were taken to the First Presbyterian church where the last sad rites were conducted.

Out of respect to the memory of Dr. Foster, all college work, with the exception of chapel exercises, was omitted on Wednesday and Thursday. The flag over memorial hall was placed at half mast and the portrait of Dr. Foster in the chapel was draped in mourning.

John Foster was born August 18, 1818, in the village of Hebron, Washington county, New York. His father was a sturdy farmer of Scotch-Irish descent, and from him were received the strong will and methodical habits for which the illustrious son was afterward distinguished. After a happy childhood, he attended the district school of Hebron, assisting meanwhile in the work about the farm. When he reached the age of 17 he felt that the time was come when he must look for a higher and more complete education than was afforded by the district school. But his father's means were not sufficient to send him to college, and it became apparent that he must depend upon himself. Accordingly he taught in the district schools of Argyle and Salem during the winters of 1828-31, devoting the summers to the study of Greek and Latin under the Rev. James Irvine. In the spring of 1831, young Foster went to the academy at Fairfield, Herkimer county, studying there until September, 1832, when he became a teacher in that institution. His preparation had been so thorough that he was enabled to enter the senior class at Union in the fall of 1834. He was a member of the Sigma Phi fraternity and is said to have been a general favorite. He graduated with honors in 1835 and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa society. He immediately resumed teaching at the academy, remaining there a year.

In 1836 Union summoned him to a tutorship and he willingly accepted. At that time the sophomore and freshmen were quartered in the old West college and they were placed under his supervision. He resigned this position in

1837 to become superintendent of the Albany Boys' academy. But in 1838 Union gave him the degree of A. M., and recalled him to teach mathematics, Latin and Greek. His connection with Union remained uninterrupted for fifty-nine years. From 1839 to 1849 he was assistant professor of mathematics and natural philosophy. In 1842 he gave a course of lectures in astronomy, leveling and surveying, and from this course started the school of engineering. Meanwhile he lectured on mechanics and wrote an "Elementary Treatise on Electricity, Magnetism, Galvanism, Electro-Magnetism and Acoustics." In 1849 he became professor of natural philosophy.

In 1867 Dr. Foster visited Europe, spending his time principally at the universities of Heidelberg, Bonn, Zurich and Munich, and at Paris. On his return he devoted himself to building up the physical laboratory and collected over \$5,000 from the alumni for that purpose. In 1874 he was sent to Europe by the trustees, authorized to spend \$6,000 for apparatus. This he selected with great care in London and Paris, with the result that Union had for a time the finest collection in the country. The same year the University of the City of New York conferred upon him the degree of LL.D.

In 1884 the infirmities of old age began to unfit him for active work and, at his own request, he was retired. About a year and a half ago, his house on the college grounds beyond Captain Jack's garden took fire in the night and was partially demolished. Through the contributions of the alumni, the house has been rebuilt and is nearly ready for occupancy.

Dr. Foster was twice married. His first wife, who died many years ago, was Miss Lyman, of Schenectady. By her he had two daughters, who both died before him. After the death of his first wife he married Miss Van Bodge, of Newton, who was a teacher in the public schools of Schenectady. She brought him no children, and alone survives him.

A full account of the services will appear in the next issue.

The Adelphic Literary society held a business meeting Thursday, October 15.

Union 0; Laureate 16.

The Laureates of Troy defeated the Union College foot ball team at Troy, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 16, by a score of 16 to 0. The day was far too warm for good football and took the snap out of the players. The Laureates averaged several pounds heavier than the college team and their ends were superior in skill. Union played a good steady game, but were weak in defensive work. Yet this weakness does not seem to be beyond repair.

Captain Crichton, Price and Smith did the best work for Union. McChesney of the Laureates played a fine game and made a beautiful dash of 95 yards. Baxter and Murphy also played a strong game for the boatmen.

Twenty and fifteen minute halves were played. Union won the toss. Rankin kicked off, caught by Hoxie, who advanced it 20 yards. Crichton took it around the end for five yards, and repeated for another five yards. Hoxie went through the centre for four yards.

Morton Price and Smith could not advance it, so Hoxie kicked 30 yards. Evers of Laureate caught it and advanced 20 yards. Hunter fumbled and the ball was found by Crichton. Union also fumbled and the boatmen again got the ball. It was pushed to the centre and Evers punted. Crichton caught and Union advanced 30 yards and lost on a fumble. The ball went out of bounds at Laureates 15 yard line. McChesney made a 25 yard dash. Cleary and Kober followed with 15 yards each. Baxter was pushed over for a touchdown. Rankin kicked goal. Score, 6 to 0.

Only fifteen seconds were left. The ball was taken to the centre of the field, time was called and the score remained 6 to 0.

In the second half Hoxie kicked off. Evers caught but fumbled and Union took the ball only to lose it on downs. Laureates worked their halves and tackles, and assisted by two pretty runs by McChesney, succeeded in sending Baxter over Union's line for another touchdown. Rankin made the goal. Score, 12 to 0.

Hoxie kicked off. Evers caught again and McChesney made his beautiful sprint of 95

yards and a touchdown. Rankin attempted a goal but Evers put the ball in play too soon and Captain Crichton fell on it, thus blocking the kick. Score, 16 to 0.

Hoxie kicked off. Rankin caught and lost to Union. Again Union lost the ball on downs. Evers punted 25 yards. Union advanced 15 yards and lost once more on downs. Evers kicked again. This time Union advanced to Laureates 10 yard line before losing to Laureate on downs. Evers punted. Union worked hard but lost again on downs.

It was up hill for the Union players but they worked like veterans. Laureate again secured the ball and Evers kicked. The ball was caught by Hoxie and then time was called. Score, 16 to 0. The line up was as follows:

UNION.

LAUREATE.

Barrett, Weed.....	left end.....	Cleary
Fenton.....	left tackle.....	Baxter (Capt.)
Bookhout.....	left guard.....	Johnson
G. Price.....	centre.....	Maullasso
Thomas.....	right guard.....	Jones
Poole.....	right tackle.....	Hunter
Mesnard.....	right end...	{ Kober, Murphy and Lane
Crichton (Capt.)..	right half back.....	Cook
M. Price.....	left half back.....	McChesney
Smith.....	quarter back.....	Rankin
Hoxie.....	full back.....	Evers

Touchdowns—Baxter 2, McChesney 1. Goals from touchdowns—Rankin 2. Umpire—Referee—M. F. Fleming, L. B. C. Referee—Umpire—Prof. Pollard, Union. Linesmen—Charles Knight, L. B. C., and George Foote, Union, '99.

The Fraternity Element.

At Ann Arbor the proportion of students who are members of fraternities is 24 per cent.; at Cornell, 33 per cent.; Lehigh, 42 per cent.; University of Virginia, 48 per cent.; Johns Hopkins, 46 per cent.; Union, 64 per cent.; Stevens Institute of Technology, 30 per cent.; Wisconsin, 22 per cent.; University of Pennsylvania, 41 per cent.; Kenyon, 50 per cent.; Chicago, 24 per cent.; Wesleyan, 70 per cent.; California, 14 per cent.; Amherst, 80 per cent.; Minnesota, 23 per cent.—*U. of M. Daily*.

Scrub, 0; C. L. I., 0.

The two hundred people that saw the game at Fort Plain last Saturday, witnessed a very pretty contest. The Union team, which was composed chiefly of sophomores, was pitted against the C. L. I. team. The two teams were evenly matched in weight, but the scrub's interference was constantly being broken by Crissy, who played right half for C. L. I. and who played tackle on the 'Varsity last year for a short time. Barton, C. L. I.'s left tackle, who played on the Boston Athletic Association's team last year, was also an important factor in C. L. I.'s gains.

But notwithstanding these two veterans, to whom may be added Grosvenor, Amherst, '97, the right end on the Fort Plain team, the scrub had a little the better of the argument.

The game was called at 3:35, and the scrub having won the toss had the advantage of the wind. Thatcher kicked off and C. L. I.'s left half was downed before he had gone five yards. By good team play the ball was then advanced fifteen yards only to be lost on a fumble.

The scrub then showed its practice and by good interference pushed the ball steadily forward but when only three yards from C. L. I.'s goal the ball was lost on a fumble. The ball then alternated back and forth until time was called. In the second half the C. L. I. reached the scrub's fifteen yard line, but were held on downs and the ball was carried out of danger. The game was ably refereed by Z. L. Myers, Union, '96. The line-up was as follows:

UNION 2ND.

C. L. I.

Strong.....	left end.....	Mockford
Thatcher.....	left tackle.....	Barton
Tuggey, Hild.....	left guard.....	Shultz
Closs.....	centre.....	Skeels
Miller.....	right guard.....	Underwood
Beardsley.....	right tackle.....	L. Leonard
French.....	right end.....	Grosvenor
Pruyn.....	quarter back.....	Pellett
Nevins.....	left half back.....	Armor
Paige (Capt.)....	right half back.....	Crissey
Parsons.....	full back.....	Parks (Capt.)

Referee—Umpire—Z. L. Myers, Union, '96. Umpire—Referee, C. Hollis. Linesmen, S. E. Read, Union, 1900, and R. S. White, C. L. I. Time of halves, 20 and 15 minutes.

Fall Handicap Meet.

The annual fall handicap games of the college were held on Friday, October 15. The weather conditions were perfect for the meet and doubtless had something to do with some of the very excellent performances.

As had been expected the freshmen were out in full force and captured a large share of the day's honors. From the dash, which opened, to the broad jump, which closed the games, they captured firsts and seconds with an ease that argues well for the strength of next spring's team. The high hurdling and pole vaulting of Weed were features; his style is graceful and powerful and he captured both the events.

Merriman gave quite a surprise when he beat out from the 20 yd. mark the college crack, Hartnagle, who seems not to have arrived at his form since returning to college.

Heermance won the mile bicycle in excellent form, riding the distance with good judgment. In the two mile, Davis, '99, outdid his competitors from the 50 yds. mark. He is a new champion in this event and we shall hope to hear more of him in it. Herran, 1901, proved his ability as a sprinter, capturing the dash from the one yard mark, after losing a yard by false starting.

Of the old timers, Captain Sylvester, Closs, Hegeman, McMillan, Price and Deyoe showed good form and captured firsts. Following is the summary:

Hundred-yard dash—Won by Herran, 1901, (2 yds.); second, Weed, 1901, (2 yds.); third, Price, '99, (s). Time, 11 1-5 sec.

Mile bicycle (scratch race)—Won by Heermance, 1901; 2nd, F. R. Davis, 1900; 3rd, Huntley, '99. Time, 2 min. 28 sec.

120-yard hurdle—Won by Weed, 1901, (s.); 2nd, Sylvester, '99, (s.); 3rd, Closs, '98, (s). Time, 17 3-5 sec.

220-yard dash—Won by Price, '99, (s.); 2nd, Closs, '98, (4 yds). Time, 25 3-5 sec.

Mile run—Exhibition by Wright, '99. Time, 5 min. 20 1-5 sec.

440-yard dash—Won by Herran, 1901, (s.); 2nd, Closs, '98, (15 yds). Time, 58 sec.

220-yard hurdle—Won by Sylvester, '99, (s.); 2nd, Closs, '98, (4 yds.); 3rd, Wright, '99, (s). Time, 29 3-5 sec.

Two-mile bicycle—Won by W. B. Davis, '99, (50 yds.); 2nd, Sinclair, '98, (50 yds.); 3rd, Huntley, '99, (20 yds). Time, 5 min. 21 4-5 sec.

Half-mile run—Won by Wright, '99, (s.); 2nd, Merriman, 1901, (20 yds.); 3rd, Hartnagle, '98, (s). Time, 2 min. 9 sec.

Mile walk—Won by Hegeman, '99, (s.); 2nd, McMillan, '98, (35 sec). Time, 9 min. 21 sec.

Putting 16lb. shot—Won by McMillan, '98, (s.); 2nd, Hoxie, '98, (1 ft.); 3rd, Vrooman, '98, (1 ft). Distance, 33 ft. 7 1-2 in.

Pole vault—Won by Weed, 1901, (s.); 2nd, Hodgson, 1901; 3rd, Cooper, 1901. Height, 9 ft.

Running broad jump—Won by Hammond, (Med.); 2nd, Weed, 1901. Distance, 16 ft. 11 in.

Throwing 16lb. hammer—Won by McMillan, '98, (s.); 2nd Hammond, Med.; 3rd, Vrooman, '98. Distance, 87 ft. 10 in.

Running high jump—Won by Deyoe, '98, (s.); 2nd, Davis, 1900, (2 in.); 3rd, Weed, 1901, (2 in). Height, 5 ft. 1-2 in.

The Garnet.

The board of editors of the '99 Garnet are using every effort to make the publication a credit to the institution which it represents. It will appear this year in a new and enlarged form and contain many new and distinctive features.

The art editor, Mr. A. B. Lawrence, wishes to call the attention of all the students, but particularly those of the freshman class, to the need of illustrations for this work. Any freshman who has any artistic ability would confer a great favor on the board by conferring with the art editor, and any efforts in this line will be thoroughly appreciated.

Paige, 1900, has been elected captain of the Observatory 'Cross-country club.

Dr. Raymond at Nashville.

New York day at the Tennessee centennial exposition now being held in Nashville was celebrated Oct. 13, with appropriate exercises. President Raymond was the orator of the day and the Nashville press pronounce his effort as one of the most eloquent ever delivered on a like occasion.

The celebration began with a parade led by the officers of the New York troops mounted. Next followed the company of the New York state guard and these in turn were followed by a troop of United States cavalry. Then came the carriages containing Gov. Taylor, of Tennessee, Lieut. Gov. Woodruff, Chancellor Kirkland, Dr. Raymond, and other distinguished New York and Nashville citizens.

There were almost 3000 people in the auditorium on the exposition grounds when the exercises were begun. Governor Taylor opened the meeting with an address of welcome and called upon Lieut. Gov. Woodruff as the first speaker. The Lieutenant Governors speech was an especially happy one. Chancellor Kirkland then delivered a brief address, and then Doctor Raymond was introduced. The oration, while a long one, was of absorbing interest from beginning to end. An attempt to convey an idea of the effort as a whole by any brief abstract would be wholly useless.

After the usual complimentary preface, President Raymond said: "The secret of American greatness is found not alone nor chiefly in the boundless material resources of this Western world, but is written large in the masterful spirit of the men who came hither to subdue and transform. * * * * The vigorous qualities of their splendid manhood have come down through the years, conquering and still to conquer. * * * * We see the spirit that knows no fear; the enterprise that leads resistlessly forward; the strength that wins, and, winning, holds; the quick intelligence that seizes opportunities and meets emergencies; the patience that achieves; the faith that triumphs. * * *

If the Southern cause was lost Southern chivalry and sacrifice were not. The issues that

marshalled opposing armies are settled forever, and the armies are gone, but that which abides is the spirit that counts not the cost of devotion, the spirit that is the very life of the new nation charged with a mighty destiny. * * * * About us are the evidences, not of a new North nor of a new South, but of a new statehood where North and South have met in truer union; type of the new nation that joins the spirit of North and South as never before and receives the equal devotion of all her valiant sons." * * * *

"Brothers of Tennessee, after a hundred years your mission begins anew, and all about us are prophetic voices. The influences that have moulded your history and made you great are with you still and urging onward to larger triumphs. Your future is written in your past, in the devotion of valiant souls, in the vigor of cultured minds, in the faith of Christian hearts. To the nation you have given strength and glory. To the nation you are still to give of your own abounding life. As in fraternal greeting we join hands today, let it also be the hand-clasp of a fraternal covenant, that in word and deed, in spirit and life, we will together conserve the nation's future; that this regenerated republic shall know no more constraining, up-building, inspiring influences than those that spring from the loyal hearts of New York and Tennessee."

Says the Nashville *American*, "Dr. Raymond's address was a magnificent effort and at frequent intervals he was interrupted by the hearty applause with which the audience greeted his sentiments. At the conclusion of his speech he was the recipient of many warm congratulations from gentlemen on the platform."

The essence of knowledge is having it, to apply it; not having it, to confess your ignorance.—Confucius.

The rule for every man is, not to depend on the education which other men prepare for him—not even to consent to it; but to strive to see things as they are, and to be himself as he is. Defeat lies in self-surrender.—Woodrow Wilson.

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THE college has every reason to be proud of the showing made by her athletes at the Fall handicap meet last Friday afternoon, although it is to be lamented that the number of men in the various events was so small. In spite of the fact that many of the contestants had spent more time in playing football than in practice on the track, the measurements generally showed an improvement over those of previous years. With plenty of practice and determination there can be no doubt as to the outcome of the association meet next spring.

PRESIDENT RAYMOND made a brief but highly interesting report of his Tennessee trip in the chapel last Wednesday morning. Especially interesting was his reference to the growth of industrial education among the colored population of the south, as evidenced by the excellent display of Afro-American handiwork at the exposition.

It is believed by many thinkers on American sociological problems that industrialism will prove

the ultimate solution of the negro question. However this may be, such displays as that at Nashville point to the physical independence of the race. And this, for all times, has been the natural predecessor of moral and mental independence, both in public and private life.

AFTER a long life spent in high accomplishment there has passed away one of Union's most famous sons. He was not well known to the younger generation. But in the hearts of the old alumni, the name of Professor Foster will never cease to live until they too journey to the great beyond. That brilliant intellectual court of Doctor Nott is almost gone. Isiaah Price, Jonathan Pearson, Isaac Jackson, Laurens Hickok, Elias Peissner, Taylor Lewis, all are with their chief on the other shore. And in that court, none held more exalted place, when at the zenith of his powers, than he who last has joined them.

Restrained from college activities for more than a decade by the heavy hand of advancing years, no doubt it was a glad moment that brought him the release—that summoned him to the companionships of long ago.

IT is a very dark cloud indeed that can lay no claim to the proverbial silver lining. While the 'Varsity was playing a heroic but losing game against the superior weight of Laureate last Saturday afternoon, the second team was doing splendidly in holding the Clinton Liberal institute to a score of 0 to 0. And while the 'Varsity was not so fortunate, its playing evidenced in no small degree the excellent work done by the scrub in the preceding week's practice. The team is still weak in its defensive, however, and the efforts of the scrub to abate this fault should be unceasing.

Fumbling can be rectified only by practice and resolution on the part of the individual players. Fumbles are being made in every game, even by the best of teams, so but little blame can be attached to the player making them. At the same time it should never be forgotten that one fumble can not only offset the best tactics of the captain but can also lose the game. The time to fight this evil is not when lined up against some other college, but when lined up against the scrub.

That Argus Affair.

Union has again been so unfortunate as to temporarily suffer from misrepresentation in the Albany *Argus*. It is generally conceded, however, that the management of the organ in question is to blame only in the retention on its staff of some person believed to be morally or mentally irresponsible. That the *Argus* itself wishes to act fairly is evidenced by the publication of the following self-explanatory letter in their issue of the 12th inst :

Editor of The Argus.—On behalf of the athletic advisory board of Union College I should be glad for an opportunity to make a few statements with regard to certain allegations which appeared in an article headed "Questionable Tactics" in The Argus of Friday, October 15. The article in question, will you allow me to say, must certainly have been based upon information that was partly erroneous and partly inadequate. The natural inference which a reader of the article would make would be that the management of the football team, or at all events certain persons connected with that management, have acted with unfairness and actual deceit in permitting persons to play on the team who had no right to be associated with it in any way. Such implied unfairness and deceit I desire to repudiate positively and at once. The athletic board of Union College, representing the alumni, the faculty and its students, and having ultimate and final authority and control over all the athletic affairs of the college, would be the first to denounce any trickery or intentional unfairness of any kind on the part of any person who assumed to represent the college in any way.

The article in question makes two definite charges against the Union football management. The first charge reads as follows: "The spectators at the Union-New Jersey Athletic club game last Saturday were surprised to find Price, the Ridgefield centre, playing with the collegians, and more so when it was claimed that he was a bona fide student of the Medical college. It was

well known that Price never attended the Medical college, and the statement was received with doubts. An investigation proved that Price is enrolled as a student at the Medical college, but does not attend. Some one paid \$5 to the registrar and Price was given a matriculation card, which permits him to attend several lectures during the year."

On investigating this matter, I find the following to be the facts: Mr. Price states positively that he registered in good faith as a student of the Medical college, and that he paid his matriculation fee himself. He acknowledges that he has not as yet attended lectures, but states that this has been due to certain personal matters that have prevented him, up to this time, from attending the lectures.

The Medical college opened on September 28th. About a week after that time Mr. Price's matriculation card was presented to me, as chairman of the executive committee of the athletic board, as evidence of his being a student in the Medical college. I accepted this evidence temporarily, there being no further evidence obtainable at that time from the Medical college, as that institution does not give further papers until the end of the term. The registrar of the Medical college informs me that it is quite possible for a student to matriculate, be absent three or four weeks, and then begin his work. The Medical college has now been in session for about three weeks. Now, Mr. Price states that he entered the college in good faith, paid his own matriculation fee, and also explains his absence from lectures. There is no reason to question his statements, and all of the evidence in the case sustains our position in accepting him at the time as a student of the medical department of the University.

In addition to all this, each of the members of the Union football management denies all knowledge of any effort to play a non-collegian. It would seem, therefore, that there is insufficient evidence upon which to publish this accusation, and that the Union football management should be exonerated therefrom.

The second statement in the article under discussion reads as follows: "Yesterday two other

Ridgefield players received letters from Union, asking them to play on the college team this year. They would receive matriculation cards from the Medical college, also monthly tickets on the New York Central so that they could go up to Schenectady daily and practice, also their supper each day. They not even go to school, etc., etc."

In regard to this, I find the following to be the facts: The Argus reporter himself told me, on Saturday last, that he was mistaken about one of these letters. He said that the Ridgefield players referred to had been approached not by letter but personally, by a member of the Union team, and that, therefore, he (the reporter) had no evidence to prove either his assertion or that the alleged member of the team alleged to have approached this Ridgefield player, had any authority to make any such proposition.

As to the second letter, the reporter stated to me last Saturday that this had been received by Mr. W. A. Taylor, a member of the Ridgefield Athletic club. Mr. Taylor has today informed me that he has received no letter of any kind whatever from the Union football management; and that he had told the reporter who wrote the article, that he (Mr. Taylor) had never received any such article.

Investigation, then, shows that there is not the slightest evidence to sustain this second charge.

As to the statement regarding railroad expenses and suppers, I can only say, that it is, and always has been, and will continue to be our practice to pay all legitimate expenses of the students in our university who give up their time and energy to the athletic interests of the university. For this we make no apology whatever.

Very respectfully yours,
H. T. MOSHER.

Faculty Member and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Athletic Advisory Board of Union College.

Union College, Schenectady, October 18, '97.

E. E. Kriegsman, '76, is the Democratic candidate for county treasurer of Schenectady county.

The Engineering Department.

The main need of Union for many years has been adequate, modern buildings. We have been hampered considerably by this lack and no extra energy of faculty or students has been able to compensate for it. Particularly is this true in regard to the Engineering department. The recitation rooms of this department have been scattered throughout different buildings, and the valuable collection of models and instruments which the engineering school possesses has been improperly cared for simply because there has been no fitting place for keeping them. The college has some very fine material for equipping a good engineering building and deserve one for the thorough work it has done along this line.

Schenectady is well situated for an engineering school. The location here of the General Electric works, acknowledged the best electric plant in the country if not the world, furnishes ample opportunity for practical work in electricity, while the Schenectady Locomotive works holds a high rank in the railroad world. Then too, the railroads passing through here, and the Erie canal, which may some day be a ship canal, afford opportunities for studying the application of engineering to commercial life. The college grounds are so commodious that new buildings can have almost any desirable situation. Power is easily and cheaply obtained. The library of the college contains many valuable volumes on the various branches of engineering and is well supplied with the older and standard works which so many schools lack. For surveying and topographical work the college grounds and the country surrounding them possess as much value as any similar location.

Prof. Landreth has worked faithfully and well in building up this department and should have hearty support from students, faculty and all who are interested in the success of Union. We sincerely hope that the engineering school may be hindered no longer in its progress by an inefficient equipment in buildings and shops. The "greaser" is the man that becomes the master.

Charles E. Sprague, Ph. D.

The September number of "Accountics," a business magazine, contains an excellent half-tone portrait of Col. Charles E. Sprague, '60, president of the Institute of accounts and of the Union Dime Savings bank, of New York. A well-written biographical sketch accompanies the article, from which we take the following:

In Col. Sprague's mental endowment there is a rare combination. He has great talent for mathematics, and is an enthusiast in linguistic pursuits. When at college he acquired a knowledge of Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French, German and Spanish, and since his graduation has continued the study of those languages. He was the first student of Volapuk in this country, and is the author of the standard American textbook of Volapuk. The mathematical side of his character has manifested itself particularly in his accomplishment as an accountant, including his analytical investigations into the principles of accounts. The system of accounting used in the Union Dime Savings bank is the evolution of his mind, and is one of the most comprehensive and efficient systems to be found anywhere. In connection with his bank work he has served as consulting accountant in a very considerable number of large operations, and in this regard has a most enviable experience. Colonel Sprague was one of the charter members of the Institute of Accounts. He is one of the State Examiners of Public Accountants.

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The social side of Colonel Sprague's life is prominently shown by membership in the Loyal Legion, in the Grand Army of the Republic and in several other organizations. At the present time he is Colonel and Assistant Paymaster-General of the State of New York.

Saturday the football team will meet Syracuse university at Syracuse. Next Saturday they will meet Rutgers on the Ridgefield grounds at Albany.

Minor Topics.

Sheehan, 1901, spent Sunday at his home in Troy.

W. J. Kline, '72, editor of the *Amsterdam Democrat*, was on College hill last Tuesday.

Half-back Sullivan, of Harvard's team, is the uncle of Cochrane, the team's quarter-back.

On account of Professor Mosher's absence, Monday morning, his classes received a "bolt."

Baseball practice has begun in many colleges and will continue as long as the weather permits.

Quite a congregation of students saw the 'Varsity off on their western trip last Tuesday night.

C. S. Daley, '97, has matriculated in the law department of the University of the City of New York.

Professor Truax will confer with students registered for honors in his department, next Tuesday evening.

Professor Bennett and E. C. Angle, '86, made a bicycle trip to Williamstown and back last Friday and Saturday.

The leader of the glee club, Mr. F. C. McMahon, is giving instruction in vocal music at the city Y. M. C. A.

Owing to Professor Pollard's absence from the city, the Physiology class recited on Tuesday instead of Wednesday.

The members of the $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$ fraternity gave a very enjoyable dance at their house, 404 Union street, last Friday evening.

Fisher, '98, is assisting Prof. Prosser in making a geological map of the country lying between Schenectady and Amsterdam.

The hall of the Philomathean society has been handsomely refitted. The first evening session of the society was held last Wednesday night.

Lord Kelvin, the eminent British scientist, is making a visit among the leading colleges of this country. Lord Kelvin attended the late meeting in Toronto of the society for the advancement of science, and last year celebrated his 50th anniversary as Professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Edinburg.

Charles Emory Smith, '61, editor of the *Philadelphia Press* and ex-minister to Russia, has been elected a member of the Union League club of New York.

A large number of students from Union witnessed the game in Albany last Saturday, in which Lehigh defeated Williams. On the Lehigh team was a brother of Canfield, '97.

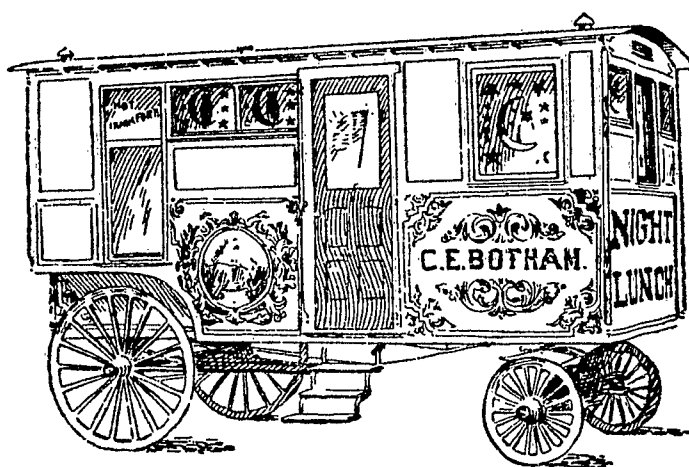
✓ Fred. B. H. Howell, '92, was married last week to Miss Carrie Furbeck of this city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Philip H. Cole, '88, formerly assistant professor of English.

The Albany board of education has favorably considered a committee report recommending the appointment of Mr. Horatio N. Pollock, '95, as assistant in physics to Prof. Onderdonk, in the high school, at \$1,000 salary.

Mrs. E. Josephine Daggett, late of Schenectady, whose will was recently admitted to probate, bequeathed Union college \$1,000, the income of which is to be known as the Daggett prize and is to be awarded each commencement to the student who has maintained the best moral deportment.

The classical Latin division, 1901, have petitioned Professor Ashmore to change the hour of recitation from 2:30 to 12 o'clock, in order to give time for football practice.

At the college meeting last Monday morning, it was decided to petition the faculty for a recess on the Monday preceding election day. This recess would be necessary for many students wishing to go home to vote.



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At the faculty meeting on Oct. 14, two petitions were received from the undergraduates asking for a decrease in work. One was from the scientific, latin scientific and classical divisions of the junior class, and the other was signed by members of the classical division of the sophomore class. Both petitions were referred to the committee on education and they will report their recommendations at the next meeting of the faculty.

Prof. Prosser has gone to Sharon Springs on work for the New York State Geological Seminary. On Saturday he will meet his class in field geology at Howe's Cave, where the rocks of the upper Silurian formations are found. The class has already this term studied the exposures of the Cambrian at Troy, the Archean and lower Silurian at Little Falls and Hoffmans, and the upper Silurian and Devonian in the Helderbergs at New Salem. In connection with these field trips the geology of the Mohawk valley and the Helderberg plateau is being carefully worked out and two articles by Prof. Prosser and his students are in course of publication as a part of the report of the State Geologist.—*Daily Union*.

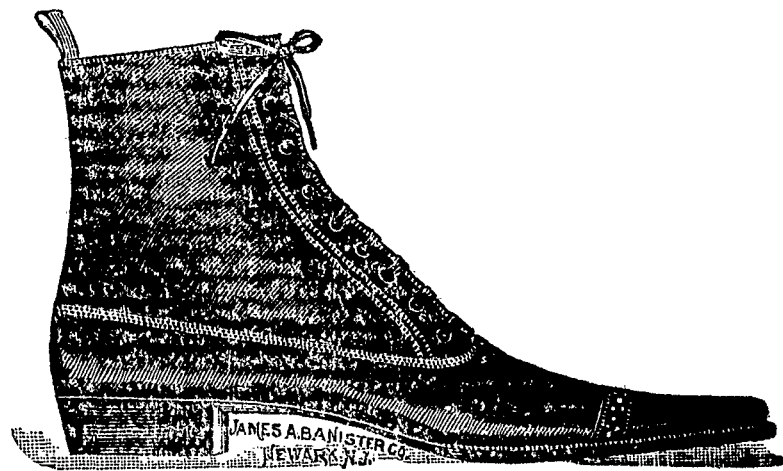
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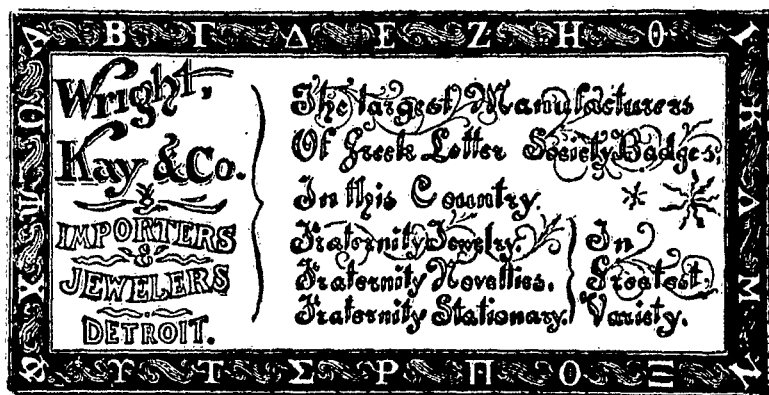
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