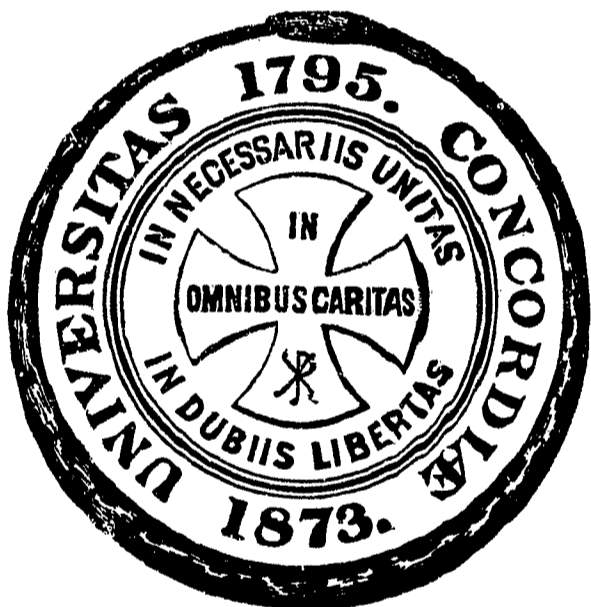


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Junior Hop.

The first in the series of junior hops was held at Yates' boat house, Friday evening, Dec. 3, and was a success in every way—financially as well as socially.

The dance was not very largely attended by the students, but the attendance of Schenectadians was far in excess of the committee's expectations. The music for the twenty-four numbers was furnished by Gioscia.

Among those present were the Misses Beatrice, Walker, Brown, Strain, DeForest, Ray Yates, Van Duesen, Ballard, Williams, White, Campbell, Horstmann, Miller, Susan Yates, Curtis, Darling and Lewis of this city; Mrs. Wait and the Misses Kline, Stover, Phillips and Jewett, of Amsterdam; Miss Dodge of Washington; Miss Heatly, of Troy; Miss Stevenson, Arygle; Miss Strong, of New York; and Miss Cameron, of Toronto. Profs. Opdyke, McKenzie and Webster, Messrs. Vrooman, Foote, Nevins, Parsons, C. D. Stewart, P. B. Yates, Turner, Dunham, Van Vlack, R. F. Paige, Featherstonhaugh, Hoyt, Price, Howard Wright, Wilson, Frank T. Wright, E. E. Yelverton, Hinman, E. W. Strong, J. S. Stewart, Homer Strong, Lawrence, Hoxie, R. E. Bradford, P. L. Merriman, Heermance, L. T. Bradford, Edward Walker, Leavenworth; Mr. Frank W. Smith of Rexford's Flats and Mr. Cook of Troy.

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Third Alumni Bulletin.

Number 1, Volume II, of the semi-annual alumni bulletin is now under course of preparation and will be issued about the first of January. The committee in charge are Professor A. S. Wright of the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, O.; Rev. A. L. Bennett of Waltham, Mass.; and Dr. A. MacFarlane of Albany. A sub-committee comprising the instructors of the faculty are also assisting in the work.

The publication will contain an account of the last commencement, a brief summary of recent college news, an account of the new members of the faculty, articles on athletics, the college press and the centennial volume. Registers of officers of the various alumni associations and of members of decennial classes will also be included. An account of the recent bequest to the library will be furnished and the book will contain an obituary of the late Professor John Foster.

Educational Conference.

At the Association of Colleges and Preparatory schools of the Eastern states and Maryland, held in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., November 26-27, Union was represented by Dr. Raymond, Professors Ashmore, Hale, Hoffman, and Wright. Prof. Marvin of the Union Classical institute, was also present.

The discussion of teaching of history, science and the ancient language received special attention. Dr. Raymond presided at a meeting of teachers of history on November 26. Union was honored by having Dr. Hall selected as vice-president of the association for the ensuing year. The institutions forming the association were well represented and the programme proved very interesting and brought out much discussion. The place of meeting for next year has not yet been decided upon.

Y. M. C. A.

The last meeting of the term was of much interest. A large number of students filled the association rooms. The college quartet sang two selections and Dr. Raymond delivered the address. He said in part:

At the end of an account of Eleazar's single handed combat with the Philistines, we are told that "His sword clave to his hand." From this we can gain a very important lesson. After the heat of battle, with all the weariness that must have come upon him, the man kept a firm grasp upon his weapon. And it is in this keeping of a firm grasp upon our weapons, and not simply in the fact that we have good weapons that we are strong Christians. We may take examples without number. For instance, worship is a part of man's nature. We must cultivate the virtues which are given us, and no man who is not regular in the worship of the sanctuary can come to his full growth in strength of character. If through weariness or letting the time slip by, we neglect our privileges, it argues a weakness. Opportunity is before us everywhere and in itself cannot mean success or failure.

Return for weapons if you will, to first principles, which are few and simple. Take the principle that sin curses; nothing in the world can change that. Again take the principle that honor, purity, integrity are worth more than all the world to man. Could anything be more simple or more powerful if we cling to it? But the notable sinners, the defaulters, the men who become personally impure do not fall through a deliberate wish to do evil. In fact their creed is directly opposed to that, but they did not cleave to their weapon. Now the Bible is called the sword of the spirit, and as such should be studied. Many think they have no need of this, but while religious literature is plentiful it can never take the place of the Bible. Its exegetical study is not a part of the college curriculum, probably because such study was considered hostile to the union of beliefs for which the college stands. But I urge you to use such advantages as you have for this interesting work, that you may arm yourselves with a powerful sword.

At Other Colleges.

Gailey, the Princeton football centre, will enter the missionary field in China.

University of Pennsylvania will erect a memorial tablet to Osgood '91, who was killed in Cuba.

Alonzo E. Branch, '99, left half back on the Williams team, has been elected football captain for next year.

Harvard has arranged a southern baseball trip during the easter vacation '98, when they will meet the Universities of Virginia, Georgetown, Carolina and Johns Hopkins.

The Cornell musical clubs will take a western trip during the Christmas vacation, giving concerts at Rochester, Buffalo, Toledo, Cleveland, Grand Rapids and Chicago.

At Rochester the rushes between sophomores and freshmen have been abolished by the two classes. Football and baseball games will hereafter decide the question of class supremacy.

The University of Pennsylvania has adopted a system of required physical examination among the freshmen. The tests have been very thorough and have revealed many serious bodily defects requiring immediate attention. Several candidates for the athletic team have been found either physically defective or unable to pass the strength test. The system works well and the students are enthusiastic in its support.

Dean Sage and Wm. H. Sage have presented Cornell with the large house in Ithaca which was occupied for many years by their father, the late Henry W. Sage. The house will be altered at their expense and used as a hospital for the Cornell students. The donors will endow it with \$100,000, which will be used solely for the "Cornell Infirmary," as it will be called. Henry W. Sage was for many years president of the board of trustees of Cornell and gave large sums to the university. He built Sage college and endowed it with \$100,000, the library building at a cost of \$300,000 with an endowment of \$300,000, and gave \$270,000 for the maintenance of the Sage School of Philosophy. His other gifts were numerous and his sons have followed closely in his footsteps.

Schenectady's Centennial.

Next year will be the centennial year of the incorporation of Schenectady as a city, and plans have been adopted for an elaborate celebration.

The act of incorporation was passed by the legislature on March 26th, but, owing to the inclemency of the weather at that time, the celebration will take place in June.

William Howes Smith, ex '69, and Dr. Charles C. Duryee, ex '82, are members of the committee, and Alexander J. Thomson, '48, is its permanent secretary. The programme follows:

Sunday, June 5, 1898.—Memorial observances in all the churches relating to the early history of the respective churches where services are held.

Monday, June 6.—In the morning, general display of National flags, choral singing and historical exercises in all the schools of the city; in the afternoon, regatta and other sports on the Mohawk; in the evening, grand open air instrumental concert by our city and visiting bands, with a march composed for the occasion, at Crescent park, and grand chorus of voices composed of all singing organizations of our city.

Tuesday, June 7.—Forty-five guns at day-break; in the morning, grand civic and military parade in which all city and visiting organizations will join; in the afternoon, sports, exercises and games of all nations, together with a balloon ascension at the driving park; in the evening, grand historical pageant and centennial costume ball; costumes relating to the year 1798, at the new state armory.

Wednesday, June 8.—At sunrise a salute of one hundred guns commemorative of the years of our existence as a city, and the ringing of bells; at 10 o'clock in the morning, military escort to orator and other distinguished speakers, poet, city guests, etc., to place of holding centennial exercises; centennial exercises, music, invocation, poem, oration, addresses, etc.; in the evening, elaborate display of fire works and a banquet and reception to distinguished guests and others.

Rev. Mr. Cole to Leave.

The Rev. Philip H. Cole, pastor of the Second Reformed church of Schenectady, has accepted a call to the pulpit of the First Reformed church of Syracuse.

The students of Union college will regret to hear of Mr. Cole's departure for he was very popular with them and his services were attended by more Union men than those of any other Schenectady church. He is young, being now in his thirty-third year, has an established reputation as a brilliant orator, is a deep student in Biblical subjects and an extensive European traveler.

Mr. Cole was reared on his father's farm near Red Hook and entered Union college in the fall of 1884. He at once showed masterly abilities both as orator and student. He graduated in '88 with the degree of A. B. and captured the valedictory and many other prizes.

Mr. Cole was a student at the Union Theological Seminary for a time and then in 1889 returned to accept the assistant professorship in English at his alma mater which he held until his resignation in 1895.

He has been pastor of the Second Reformed church since 1891 and this is his fifth call to other fields.

President Elliot, of Harvard, prophesies that college fraternities will, in time, cause American universities to be broken up into colleges after the English plan.

The University of California now has a daily paper, Daily Californian by name. It was last year known as The Berkeleyan, and was changed at the beginning of the present year to The Californian. The change to a daily publication has only recently been made, and brings the total of daily college papers up to eleven, viz.: The Californian, The Daily Palo Alto, The Brown Daily Herald, The Wisconsin Cardinal, Yale News, Harvard Crimson, The Pennsylvanian, The Cornell Sun, The Princetonian, College Spirit (Tulane University) and The U. of M. Daily.

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NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

All copy intended for insertion in the Concordiensis must be in the hands of the editor by WEDNESDAY noon.

THE students living in the sections should take some interest in the general good appearance of the dormitory halls as well as their rooms. There is no license that we are aware of authorizing a student to put his ashes in the hall. Other means for their disposal is furnished gratis by the college. It is sometimes to be lamented the ash-dumping fiend may not as easily be disposed of.

THE enjoyment of the entertainment in aid of the public library given by Miss Herford last Friday night was not a little enhanced by the musical setting furnished by members of the college organizations. It would scarcely be pardonable however, if we were to suggest that the Schenectady public reciprocate when opportunity presents itself and support college affairs a little more warmly.

FRIDAY, December 10, will long stand as a red-letter day in the history of the college. Neither the lecture of the afternoon nor the enjoyable concert of the evening will be soon forgotten. Few more engaging speakers than Mr. Wallace Bruce ever occupied the college rostrum, and the students are duly grateful. They are grateful, too, for that beneficent power that brings such speakers to the college. This same power, may it be said, is only one of very many powers that are at present working for Union's well-being and all of which have a common source.

ATTENTION is called in another column to a question that merits the attention of the faculty and students and all others interested in securing abroad the reputation of Union. A free circulation of the college publications in the preparatory schools of this and adjacent states, would not only be a good advertisement for the college in a general way but it would attract the attention, we modestly affirm, particularly of prospective students interested in literary work—a very desirable class, we take it. The collegian interested in literary work is not as a rule the illiterate, false-syntax type of collegian one reads about so much in the press of the times. By means of the above mentioned plan, perhaps we could work up to something like a balance of the two classes.

ONE of the most important pieces of information contained in the third alumni bulletin soon to be issued is that referring to the recent bequest to the library. The gift while an important one is not as important as the fact that it is merely a big wave in the general tide now running in that direction. The library is steadily increasing, and that rapidly. Under the effective management of Mr. Lynes its utility is also greatly enhanced. The time is not far off when Union will have one of the finest libraries in this section of the country. Not the least important element in this recent prosperity are the gifts from the Phi Beta Kappa and the Instructor's club. The books from the latter source, especially, fill a very long felt want for current fiction. In former years this department of literature had been almost totally neglected from which arose a corresponding apathy on the part of the students. Nowadays the library is receiving no end of attention from the undergraduates.

The Spirit of Nassau.

The last issue of *The Alumni Princetonian* contains an article on "Football Next Year" that is one of the most eloquent essays on college spirit it has ever been our good fortune to see. After paying high tribute to the men who put up such a magnificent fight in the face of defeat, the tribute of Yale also is quoted as expressed in the *Alumni* weekly * * * * "And still Princeton, by which is meant the spirit of Princeton, was unconquered. Broken in heart and battered by the fearful fight, half of the players threw themselves on the ground and like honest boys, when nothing was left to do, gave way to honest, bitter feeling. But they were still Princeton's team and Princeton would not leave them vanquished. The thousands in Nassau's cheering sections held their places in the stand, waved their flags all the more wildly, rolled out their songs all the more loudly, and cheered for each and every player as he was carried up before them, in such a way as they never could have cheered players on a team victorious:

"Such happenings as these," the writer goes on to state, "can have but one result. They give the college spirit a flavor which nothing can detract from. Men knowing they will be honored in defeat as well as in victory, so long as they do their best, will work as only men can work to play upon our teams and help those teams win. All of these things are certain to bear fruit in the future."

This Deserves Attention.

Editor Concordiensis:

At this time of the year when the matter of getting new students, and especially those who are proficient in athletes as well as in the classics is under consideration, it seems to be an opportune time to offer a suggestion as to one way of getting new material.

Frequently influences appear to us insignificant when to others they are far from being of little importance. One of these, for example, is a college paper in a preparatory school. A

neat paper always attracts attention and if in addition the news is furnished in an attractive way, the paper is sure to meet with a warm welcome. If we furnish copies of our papers to the schools which have already sent graduates to Union, we can in this way give them an opportunity to hear now and then what their boys are doing and so keep their interest active. If we also furnish the schools which are likely to send us candidates for admission with copies of our paper we can give them a glimpse into our college life and very probably awaken in them such an interest that we can hereafter depend upon them for support.

As has been said before, this matter may seem of slight importance to some but in reality it exerts a strong influence and should not therefore be thrown aside without consideration.—"1901."

Minor Topics.

Cotton '99, who has been sick has resumed work.

The condition examinations for the fall term closed yesteday.

The freshman final examinations will close on Friday morning of next week.

A basketball outfit is soon to be purchased and placed in the gymnasium.

Howard West '95, of Mechanicsville was in the city last week visiting friends.

The freshman class began their physical culture under Mr. Pollard last week.

The Science Teachers' Association of New York State will convene at the University buildings, Ithaca, December 30-31.

The Concordiensis has received a copy of "The Journal," a monthly magazine of current and professional topics. It contains a long and highly flattering notice of Hulbert C. Mandeville, '88, who is a prominent lawyer of Elmira.

The new baseball cage is now in course of construction and will soon be ready for use. The bowling alley has been enlarged and the wooden floor removed, thus giving the players a dirt floor and increasing the height of the room several feet. Baseball candidates can begin work in it at the opening of the winter term.

T. C. Ham, Dartmouth '95, of Dover, spent Sunday with Physical Director Pollard. While in college Mr. Ham distinguished himself in the quarter-mile.

The Union college March and Two-step by Guy B. Collier, 1901, has been copyrighted by the composer and is just out. The march is published by Clute & Sons, of Albany.

W. J. Bryan has given \$250 to the Nebraska University, which is to be invested and proceeds given annually to the writer of the best essay on "Science of Government."

Dean Alford, a great authority on grammar, says in a sentence like "It is me" the word "me" is not in the objective case but is a secondary form of the nominative; and the philologist Sweet confirms this. Good grammarians approve such forms for colloquial use.

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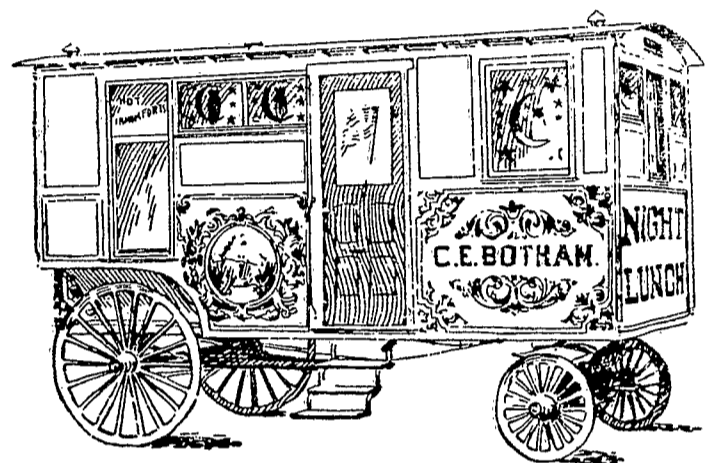
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While the conference is of secondary teachers and is in the interest of high schools and academies, colleges and normal schools, other representatives will be welcomed and given opportunities to take part in the discussions. Dr. Raymond and the heads of the departments of Union have been invited to be present at and participate in the conference. It ends by an address Wednesday evening by M. Woolsey Stryker, President of Hamilton college, in the City Hall.—*Ex.*

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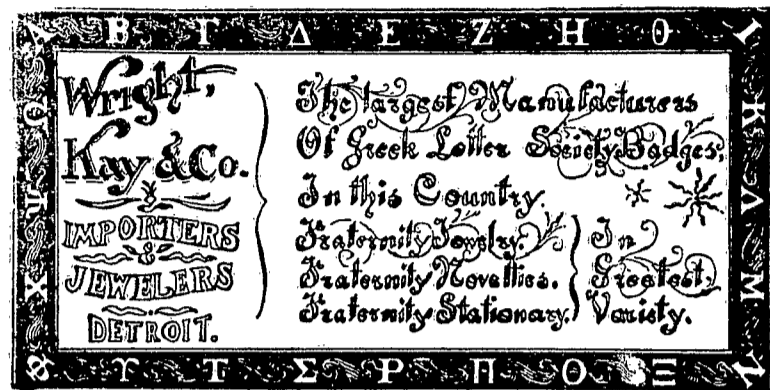
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