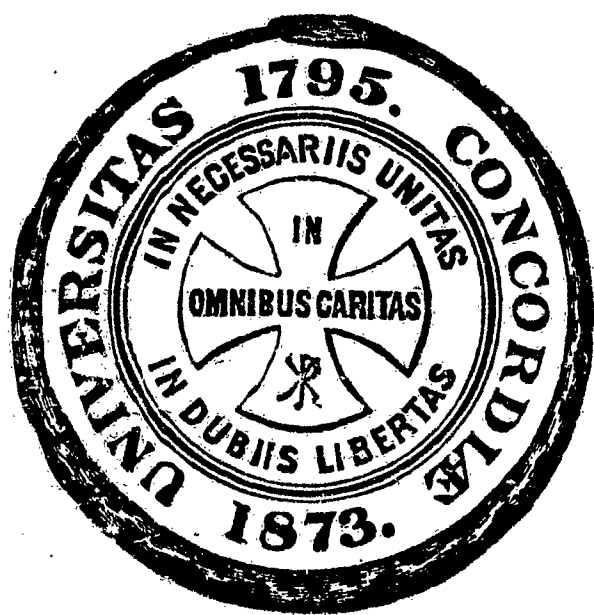


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## Union, 6; Ridgefield, 4.

The first football game of the season was played on the campus Saturday afternoon, Sept. 25, and was a decisive victory for Union. It was just the sort of an experience with which to commence the season. It was no easy thing for Union but it taught the wearers of the garnet that they are a good, strong, courageous team and can pull victory out of the very jaws of defeat.

The ruffianism which has caused so many to denounce the game, was entirely absent, and the spectators without exception pronounced it one of the cleanest games they have ever seen on the campus. It was pure, scientific football.

There was very little open play. Nearly all of Union's gains were made through the visitors' line. Ridgefield made several good runs around Union's end but found no holes in their opponent's centre.

The Ridgefield team, composed mostly of former college men, averaged several pounds heavier than Capt. Crichton's men, but lacked the latter's snap and courage.

The home team received hearty support from the student body and the visitors also had several "rooters" with them. At the end of the first half, the score stood 4—0 in favor of Ridgefield, but the cheering on the collegiate side was as strong as if the score had been reversed. The enthusiasm among the students was intense and if their zeal continues, as it has every encouragement to do, Union's teams will never lack support.

Captain Crichton's fearless playing won several rounds of applause. He was always the first man through the line and when he tackled a man he did not escape. His animation and courage put much spirit into the team and his support was excellent. In fact, every man played well and few fumbles or errors were made by Union.

Game was called shortly after 3 o'clock.

Ridgefield kicked off, a close play, and the ball was returned to Albany on a fumble. Union got the ball again on downs. Robinson made a good gain around the end. Ridgefield received the balls on downs and it returned to Union again on a fumble. Capt. Crichton took the ball through the center for a good gain amid great applause. Ridgefield received the ball again on a fumble and pushed it to the 10-yd. line. Ridgefield made another desperate attempt and got within two feet of the goal. They made another effort and crossed the line. Ridgefield failed to kick a goal. After a few minutes more of play time was called.

The second half opened with a good kick off by Hoxie for Union. The Albany team returned the ball to the centre of the field by end plays. Union won the ball on downs and by hard playing advanced the ball nearly to the goal. Ridgefield got the ball on a fumble and made a short gain, but spoiled their opportunity with a fumble. The college men now played desperately and by hard bucking crowded the goal. When on the four yards line, Union made a supreme effort and pushed the ball over the goal line. Hoxie made a beautiful kick, landing the ball over the bar amid "Hikas" from hundreds of throats. The ball was put in play again but before either side could score another touchdown, time was called. The following was the line up:

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Weed.....	left end .....	Gould
Carver.....	left tackle.....	Morris
Fenton.....	left guard.....	Gilbert
Bookhout.....	centre.....	Price
Thomas.....	right guard.....	Gilbert
Schmitter.....	right tackle.....	Cook
Price.....	right end.....	Docharty
Smith.....	quarter back.....	Fanning
Robinson.....	left half back.....	Hemke
Crichton.....	right half back.....	Keogh
Hoxie.....	full back.....	Taylor

### Dr. Sewall's Address.

A fair sized audience was present at the chapel service Sunday afternoon, to hear an address by the Rev. Dr. Sewall of the First Reformed church of Schenectady. The address was an extremely interesting one and was greatly enjoyed by those present.

Dr. Sewall spoke on the study of the Bible, giving as the key to his thoughts, Psalm 119, verses 89 to 104 inclusive. We are to consider, this afternoon, reasons and motives for Bible study. First let us see what the Bible is. It is an historic literature. It has passed through the fire with the production of less dross and more gold than any other historic literature; so that if vitality be the test, the Bible has a right to be called a literature. And where will we find poetry like the Psalms; or an idyll like the book of Ruth; or history like the five books of Moses; or mystery like that of Daniel and Revelations. It may perhaps be known to some of you that Romans and Gallatians are frequently recommended to law students for study, as masterpieces of logic. The Bible is the literature of a Semitic people, and from them have sprung the three religions alone worthy to be called world religions; Judaism, Mohamedanism and Christianity. If we leave to science and philosophy the realm of the intellectually provable and knowable, we must go to the Bible as a door to what their province furnishes us no opening, the realm of the spiritual understanding—that larger knowledge which we get from the experience of the soul. Christ said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The spirit of the Bible is the only atmosphere in which a high spiritual nature can thrive. And where is greater inspiration to be had from contact with character, with men who have led pure lives. The Bible, then, is the hand book of Christian living. The kingdom of God, which is to be guided by it on earth, is the most important organization among men. The old idea was, that our salvation meant to be saved from future damnation. The broader view is now taken, and we believe that salvation is just as much for

this life, for men in their relationships, as for the life to come. And as we study the Bible we become the more convinced that this was God's purpose, for He has made it intensely practical. Moses, with all his faith in God, believed also in proper sanitation, and what writings teach so much respect for the body as the New Testament? We find economics touched on, and international law, and many other considerations which affect men, the fundamental truth about which is the same today as then. Men recognize this in a large measure, for the Bible has been translated into more than four hundred languages.

### Doctor Potter Honored.

The Rev. E. Nott Potter, D.D., Union's former president and the founder of Union university, has accepted the presidency of the Cosmopolitan university, John Brisben Walker's great educational scheme. The position was at first offered to President Andrews of Brown, who has withdrawn his resignation and will remain at Brown.

Eliphalet Nott Potter is the son of Alonzo Potter, himself a graduate of Union in the class of 1818, and afterwards its vice-president, also bishop of Pennsylvania. President Potter was born in this city in 1836, graduated from Union in 1861 and from the Berkely Divinity school in 1862. Becoming president of Union in 1871, he founded the university and was president of both institutions until 1864, when he resigned. He refused an appointment as bishop of Nebraska and became president of Hobart, where he remained until forced to resign on account of ill health. He received the degree of D.D. from Union in 1869.

Rev. John J. Henning, '81, of Green Island, was on the hill last Saturday.

Bray, '99, is recuperating his health in Europe and will not return to college until November.

Ex-Captain Beckwith, of the '96 baseball team, was on the hill last week, coaching the candidates for this year's team.



### Professor Hoffmans' Trip.

Professor Frank Hoffman has returned from a year of European travel and study to resume his duties as head of the philosophical department. Prof. Hoffman's trip was made in accordance with the custom of allowing to the members of the faculty a year's vacation after each ten years of service, the year to be spent in some form of study. Prof. Hoffman first visited the universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh. At the latter he attended a course of lectures given by Prof. Calderwood, whose work on Ethics has reached its sixteenth edition.

From Edinburgh Prof. Hoffman went to Oxford where he remained three months in study under Dr. Edward Caird, who so worthily fills Jewett's place as master of Balliol. Prof. Hoffman's attention was given to the evolution of religion and to Kant. While at Oxford he had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Max Muller and Mrs. Humphrey Ward.

After leaving Oxford, he went to Berlin and took up the chief object of his trip, the study of the philosophical tendencies of the last fifteen years. At Berlin he studied under the eminent philosopher, Dr. Frederick Paulsen. Prof. Hoffman found a vigorous criticism of the old masters and a strong demand for independent research with reference to the practical demands of modern life. He says that at present there is great interest being manifested in all the universities of Europe, in the philosophy of the state, and a strong feeling exists that the state as a body politic must take up many of the matters that have formerly been left to the individual. At Heidelberg, the professor renewed his acquaintance with Prof. Kuno Fischer, under whom he pursued a course of study about ten years ago. He says that Heidelberg is an ideal university. Out of the 150 professors on the faculty, only forty receive salaries, the others teaching purely for the love of that mode of life.

The remainder of his vacation was spent visiting places of interest. He arrived home on July 28, much improved in health.

### Y. M. C. A. Work for the Year.

The college Young Men's Christian association have outlined their work for the coming year. In June the association sent a delegation of twelve students to Northfield, Mass., at which place a convention is held every year, at the invitation of Dwight L. Moody. Here large numbers of college students assemble for the purpose of Bible study, and are trained to become leaders in college Y. M. C. A. work.

The Y. M. C. A. movement is now a recognized factor in every well organized college, and the local college association is doing its best to make the work so beneficial that the students will be induced to join in this great movement. During the coming year there will be a systematic study of the Bible. The work has been arranged in graded courses. The Freshmen will take up "The Life of Christ," as given in St. Luke. The Sophomores, "The Early Church, with special reference to the Life of St. Paul." The Juniors, "The Epistles of St. Paul." The Seniors, "The Old Testament, or some portion of it." A half hour each week will be devoted to each study and the students will be assisted by the faculty.

The class in mission and personal work will meet one hour each week. During the fall term, "Missionary Biology" will be taken up. During the winter term, "The History of Missions." During the spring term, "Missionary Methods."

The association will be visited at various times during the year by secretaries of the international association, who are constantly traveling from college to college.

The college Y. M. C. A. rooms are located in the middle section of South college, where religious meetings are held every Tuesday evening at seven o'clock, lasting for forty-five minutes. Every Sunday afternoon meetings are held in the college chapel, which are addressed either by the president or some outside clergyman.

It is desirous that every student take an interest in this Christian work, and encourage their fellow students to join the association. The freshmen especially are invited to come into the weekly meetings and take up the course in Bible study.

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## REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES.

All members of the freshman class desiring positions on the Parthenon and Concordiensis boards, are requested to register their names with Mr. Hammer before noon, Wednesday, October 6.

THERE has been much talk in the past about the efficacy of "good organized rooting" as a factor of athletic success, and its importance should not be under-rated. In the game with Hamilton and in all future games the men on the other side of the ropes should concentrate and cheer their team on to success. It is enough to dampen the ardor of any team, this clammy, wet blanket of silence.

THE attention of the students is called to the four o'clock meetings held in the chapel every Sunday afternoon. At these meetings, which are not tiresome nor long drawn out, President Raymond, or some member of the local clergy, delivers a short discourse of especial interest and importance to the undergraduate. There are few influ-

ences in college life that can be less advantageously neglected. The discourses are invariably crisp and instructive, almost always inspiring. To the most skeptical they at least would serve to relieve the tedium of what is too often considered a very dull day.

THE two literary societies, the Philomathean and the Adelpheic, should not be allowed to drift into abeyance because of lack of interest or inattention. These societies have a place of no small importance in the history of Union college, and should have a place of no less distinction in her contemporary life. The mournful fact that many college men use bad grammar is due largely to the fact that they do so little speaking before a critical audience that dares to criticize. And in later years, who will conduct public meetings as well as those familiarized during college days with public speech and parliamentary procedure? No one is debarred from these societies, rich or poor. On the contrary, the membership of everyone is earnestly solicited.

LAST Monday morning at the second college meeting of the term, the first definite steps were taken toward the adoption of a constitutional honor system. Although there has always been an honor system at Union, unwritten and undefined, as there ever is where college men assemble, mistakes and misunderstandings have unavoidably occurred that have proven costly, if not to the college, at least to the individual. And yet the only opposition to the above mentioned constitutional system has found genitum in the belief held by the minority that the old system was, and is, sufficient. That this belief is not well sustained by past experience, requires no specific citations of fact. It is a truth recognized by college men all over the country that there are those in every institution of learning, however high the standing, who will take advantage of their neighbors and of themselves at the slightest opportunity. That this is caused as much by lack of judgment as lack of morals, goes without saying. And this very fact is what makes a written constitution a necessity. "You can't legislate morals," of course not. But you can do much, by concerted action, in calling out the best that is in a man; and, by

making him feel his responsibility, in developing his judgment. While we feel that there are none who are avowedly opposed to the spirit of the proposed constitution, we hope that in the formulation of the work, that spirit may not be killed.

THE results of last Saturday's game have been apparent in other departments of student activity than that merely of football. While the victory has enthused and so strengthened the members of the team and the players on the scrub, it has also stirred to increased effort the members of all other undergraduate organizations. Further, it has gone forth to claim the attention of the alumni and friends of the college at the outset of what promises to be a brilliant season. One of the most important lessons taught by the contest was that courage and spirit can accomplish results impossible to mere weight and experience. Best of all, it has exemplified to the freshmen class what college spirit is, in concrete form. If "college spirit is public spirit for college men," we have seen, prospectively, a small band of public spirited citizens, cheered on by other public spirited citizens, win a battle in the face of an organized opposition before which less courageous citizens would have faltered and failed.

### Errata.

In the last issue of the Parthenon, several mistakes crept in for which we hasten to offer amends. Unfortunately all the mistakes, which were of a peculiar aggravating nature, occurred in the article by Professor Bennett. According to the copy, it was a "bore," not a "love," that Horace fled as the plague. The same substitution of terms should be made in the last clause of the same sentence. And when Horace moralizes it is on "The beauties of Nature," not on that doubtful quantity, "the beauties." On page one, "object" should have been "objective," and "races" should have been in the singular number. On page three, "serious" should have been "seriousness." Hereafter the contributor will be furnished a revised proof of his article before publication.

—ED.

### Neerology.

General Frederick Townsend, '44, of Albany, died at the Wayside Inn, Lake Luzerne, on Saturday morning, September 11. He had been feeble during the entire summer and had suffered much from weak lungs, which weakness eventually caused his death.

General Townsend was born at Albany, September 21, 1825. A few years after his graduation from Union he was admitted to the bar. Having always been fond of military affairs, he was appointed adjutant-general of the state in 1856. The militia was at that time in a rather disorganized condition, but he set about energetically to reform it, and prepared the first annual report which the department ever made.

The next Governor reappointed him and it was largely on account of the continuance of his efficient work that the state was able to furnish so many troops to the government at the beginning of the civil war.

In 1861 he declined reappointment as adjutant-general and organized a regiment of which he became colonel. He took part in the battle of Big Bethel, but soon afterward was appointed major in the regular army. As major, his first duty was to organize troops in Columbus, Ohio. He fought in the battles of Pea Ridge and Stone River and in other engagements in the west. In 1863 he was appointed assistant provost marshal general in Albany where he remained several years.

He made an inspection of the military posts in Arizona in 1867, and resigned from the army in 1868. In 1878 he became a brigadier-general in the state national guard and afterward adjutant-general again under Governor Cornell. He brought the number of guardsmen up to 12,000 effective men and successfully urged the adoption of a state service uniform and a state camp of instruction.

The Rev. Stephen Turtelot, <sup>43</sup>~~33~~, once a prominent Methodist minister in Herkimer county, died on Wednesday, Sept. 8, at the home of his son at Onondaga Valley.

He was born at Herkimer, October 29, 1812, and when 21 years of age was graduated from Union college. He studied medicine and was graduated from the Geneva Medical college and practiced for a number of years in Newport.

Then he was admitted to membership in the Northern New York conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. He took an active part in politics and in 1866 was member of assembly from the first district of Herkimer county.

### Tennis Tournament.

The tennis tournament is being finished this week after much delay caused by rain. The idea of a class tournament had to be abandoned, making the games handicap and open to the students, sixteen of whom entered.

The winners of the first round were Merri-  
man, '98, Sawyer, '99, Stewart, 1900, Lawton,  
1900, Hoxie, '98, Nevins, 1901, Van Vlack,  
1900, and Gutmann, '98.

The second round was won by Merriman, '98,  
Stewart, 1900, Hoxie, '98, and Van Vlack, 1900.

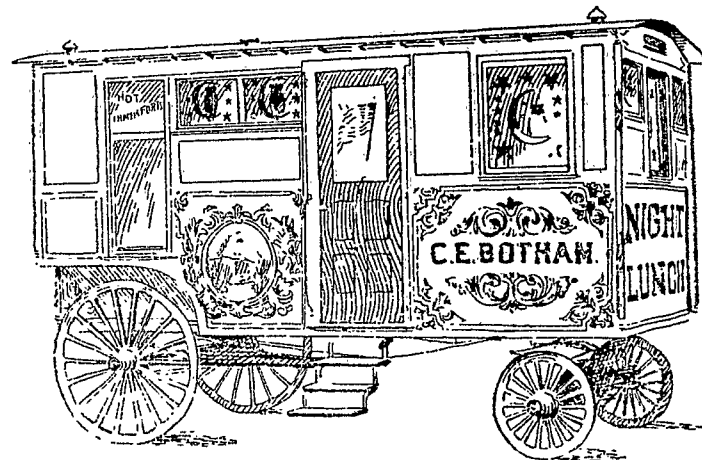
The semi-finals were won by Stewart, 1900,  
and Hoxie, '98.

The result of the tournament will be given  
in next week's issue.

### Mr. Cummings of Cornell.

The electric launch Ianthina, with Prof. Har-  
ris and a party of students from the geological  
department of Cornell university, has been in  
the vicinity of Schenectady for the last few days.

The students are studying the geology of the  
Mohawk valley as a part of their university work.  
The Helderbergs and other famous geological  
localities in this region were visited, for the pur-  
pose of collecting fossils and studying the differ-  
ent formations. The field work in the Mohawk  
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mings, Union, '97, who is now an assistant in  
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### Literary Societies at Work.

The Philomathean society met last Friday afternoon in their rooms in South college, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Perley P. Sheehan; vice president, George Perry; treasurer, H. K. Wright; secretary, Stephen S. Read; executive committee, R. C. Gambee, L. S. Broughton.

At the last inter-society debate the Philomatheans won the society prize of \$50, and a committee consisting of Griffeth, '98; Reed, '98, and Noel, '99, was appointed to use the \$50 in fitting up the rooms.

The Adelphic society last Spring, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Peter Nelson, '98; vice president, W. F. Breeze, '99; secretary, Carl Dalton, 1900; treasurer, John M. Tuggey, 1900; executive committee, E. H. Rogers, '98; B. E. Huggins, '99, and Louis Tinning, 1900.

Lane, '95, and Derby, '95, visited friends on the hill last week.

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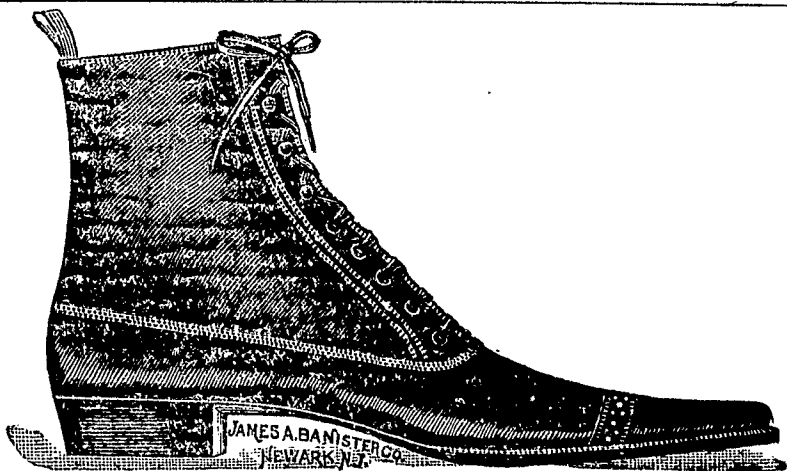
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