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EDITORIAL.

In a recent issue we criticized severely the language of the Pastor of the First Reformed Church in his lectures on amusements. We hope it was not a spirit of retaliation that prompted him to speak of the former and present students of Union College as he did in his subsequent sermon on drinking; but we cannot understand how any one on friendly terms with the Faculty and students of our college could put into circulation such a report of our moral status as the following, a report evidently made with little knowledge of the facts. His exact words were these:

“I shall never forget my first impression of Schenectady when I saw it under its leafy arcades in the month of perfume and flowers and beauty, June, 1867. I remember the bright and radiant throngs at commencement, the pride and manly joy of student-orators, the quaint look of the cleanly streets and houses, and with all was I well pleased; but in the afternoon, alas! I walked along State street. Then, my first charm of impression gave way to sickening disgust. The unnecessarily large number of liquor stores, the knots of red-nosed toppers, both slouchy and well dressed, idly lounging at the street corners, the crowded beer and

whiskey saloons, were enough to stamp the character of the place ineffacably upon a visitor's memory; but to crown all, upon one of the usually loafer crowded hotel porches sat and lolled and dived no less than six drunken graduates, in their dress-coats and white ties, with bleary eyes and rum-flushed faces. Alas for college! Alas for city! These were my thoughts as I left the depot, which itself had a drunken look.

How is it now? Fifteen years have passed, and the liquor plague flourishes as of old. One saloon is notoriously supported largely by the college students, so that in one of their *Garnet* catalogues, its *habitués* glory in their shame by referring to it in jest, as ‘the pure fountain of their Alma Mater.’ No wonder that Union College boasts of so many Congressmen, when their inspiration while in Schenectady was so largely supplied from beer kegs! The habits begun in Liberty street have been continued at Washington, to the disgrace of the nation. Look on our streets now! What lady cares to run the gauntlet of State street, on a holiday, past the smoking half or wholly drunken crowds that swarm and loaf around the hotel-steps of the chief thoroughfare of our city.”

One who had any knowledge of Schenectady or Union College would read the above words with merely a

smile of derision, mingled perhaps with pity for the speaker. But being published in the Albany *Argus* as well as the Schenectady paper, they reached many who would readily credit them, and so were liable to work the College an immeasurable amount of harm. Stirred up therefore in defense of their own honor and the reputation of their Alma Mater, the four classes held a joint meeting, and appointed a committee to call upon the minister and request him to publish a retraction of the objectionable statements. The success (?) with which they met is evidenced by the following card which that gentleman read in his pulpit and had published in the papers.

CARD.

"The undersigned hereby expresses his regret that in his sermon last Sunday evening, the distinction between the moral condition of Union College students as regards drinking customs at the present time, and in the past, was not more strictly drawn, and would offer the further explanation :

1. The *Garnet*, or students' catalogue, containing the allusion to a certain saloon is of the date of 1877 or 1878, for which the students now in college are in no way responsible.

2. The statement that 'one saloon is notoriously supported largely by the college students,' should have

read 'liberally patronized' instead of 'supported.' In a friendly conference with the students he finds that not more than four per cent. of the business of such saloon is obtained from the college.

3. The speaker did not intimate that the drinking habits of those Alumni of Union College who have been in Congress were any worse or more frequently indulged in than those of Alumni of other colleges, for he thinks all such drinking customs are equally bad.

With this last reference, all allusions to the students of Union ended. The sermon contained nothing more that was meant to apply to them.

In order to correct any further misapprehension that may have arisen beyond Schenectady—the sermon being designed entirely for home consumption—the speaker volunteers the further statement from his own observation and belief, that, at no time previous to the present, was there a higher moral tone among the students, more regard for temperance principles, and in the class and study rooms more thorough work in scholarship. The reason for this may be found to some extent in the students themselves, but more especially is the credit for such results due to the earnest and hard-working Faculty who aim at and succeed in keeping high the standard of the college.

rightly believing that, in this matter, industry is the best security for sobriety, morality and religion. If comparisons be made with other colleges, it would be safe upon the speaker's observations to say, that for good morals, studious application, ability of the instructors, or safety in the social environment of the students committed to her care, Union will now stand superior to the average, and perhaps peer to the best college in the United States. He regrets, however, that even a dozen or score of the 180 students are given to drinking habits, and that out of the illustrious graduates of Union who have served their country in Congress, even an equal number should have encouraged the drinking of intoxicating liquors.

Further, it seems to the speaker childish and unwarranted by facts, to suppose in him any enmity or prejudice against Union College, with which, since the first day of his living in this city, his relations have been of the most pleasant character, whether with President, Faculty, or students. He has only to add, that if, while fighting the chief enemy of the city and college, he has inadvertently wounded his friends he regrets it. While heartily hating the traffic in intoxicating liquors, he proposes still to remain friendly to that college which was in its origin

founded by the enterprise and endowed by the money of the church of which he has the honor to be the pastor."

In the above card there is not the least sign of an apology, for the incorrect and grossly insulting statements which the speaker had made; and as for his pitifully lame explanations, let us examine each separately and see how much justice he has yet done.

First he explained that the *Garnet* referred to, having been published in '77 or '78, is not an exponent of the opinions of the men now in college; but he neglected to state that it was absurd in the beginning to take anything in the *Garnet* in a serious sense, when every one knows that that book is never meant to do more than create a laugh by its extravagant humor.

His second point is a curious specimen of a descent from the sublime to the ridiculous. The former statement was that Mr. Weincke's saloon was "notoriously supported largely by the college students"; he next said this should have read "liberally patronized"; and finally he ended by declaring that only four per cent. of Mr. Weincke's business was obtained from the college. Perhaps if he had pushed his inquiries a little further he would have found that Mr. Weincke spoke the truth when

he said that what he got from the students would not buy his salt.

The third point in his explanation(?) was merely a silly evasion of the question. He said he had not intimated that the Alumni of Union College in Congress were greater drinkers than those of other colleges. Perhaps not. Then, if there was any sense at all in his words, they implied that the Congress of the United States were a set of toppers, that Union College graduated more toppers than any other college, and that consequently she sent most men to Congress; statements which, with the exception of the last, the speaker would find difficult to substantiate.

Mr. Weincke says that if the writer's statement is true, the only difference between the reverend gentleman and himself is that the latter sends men to Congress, while the former sends them to Utica.

He then said that this reference to our Congressmen was the last allusion to the students. We believe he meant it to be, but no one would think so without being told. Without a break he had gone on to say that on a holiday, no lady would dare pass the drunken crowds that swarm around the hotels. Would not any candid reader very naturally suppose that he was merely continuing his comparison of the students of to-day with those of '67, and that he

was comparing "the smoking half or wholly drunken crowds that swarm and loaf around the hotel steps" to-day, with the "drunken graduates" that "sat and lolled and dived with bleary eyes and rum-flushed faces on the loafer crowded hotel-porches" in 1867? If this was not the writer's meaning, he should have been more careful with his paragraphing.

For the speaker's compliment to Union College as it now is, we thank him. As regards his declaration of friendship toward the Faculty and students, we can only say he takes a queer way of showing it.

In one of the recent examinations in Williams College, the Freshman class went in in two divisions. The first division came out bringing the questions with the answers worked out. The second division, or at least thirteen of their number, appropriated these, and of course went in thoroughly prepared. The Professor, learning of the trick, notified the Faculty, and the thirteen guilty ones have been suspended until May 19.

We tender our hearty congratulations to the Faculty of Williams College for their prompt action in this matter, and earnestly wish that in every college all fraud, whether perpetrated by a class or by an individual, in examination or in the

ordinary recitation, were as summarily dealt with as in this case. All honor to that late tutor of mathematics in our own college who upon catching a sly Freshman "ponying" him, peremptorily dismissed him from the room, with the command never to return. We think that while the Faculties are waging such fierce war against college rowdyism, they would strike a good blow at the root of the matter if they would endeavor more strenuously to put an end to the frauds practised under their very noses. All unfair means of making good recitations being stopped, most of the boys will find enough in their books to employ their time upon, without getting into all manner of scrapes for want of something to do. Besides, those mean little practices being checked, a healthy moral tone would soon spring up, antagonistic to the old ideas from which sprang all forms of college rowdyism.

We took occasion in a former issue to inveigh against this vice, and promised to say something more on the subject. In commenting on that editorial, an exchange remarked that either we took a very dispeptic view of things, or that there was a pretty bad state of affairs at Union. That what we said was perfectly true of Union, we have heard no one deny; that it was true of the college which

this exchange represented we afterward heard from one of her own men; that it is true of nearly every other college, we have abundant evidence.

"Boys will be boys." Yes, and by and by they will be men. But the same good folks who laugh at their boyish pranks, will groan in righteous horror over the outcome of these pranks, when the boy's thoughtless mischief has ripened into the criminal frauds of the man.

We were delighted to hear that the report that our Commencement exercises were to be held this year in the Methodist church was incorrect. The church itself is probably the best one in town for speaking on account of its size and good acoustic properties, but it is entirely too far from the center of the city, and gives therefore too long a walk to many on a hot summer day. We do not know if it is possible to have these exercises in the same church two successive years, but if it could be managed we stongly advocate holding them this year in the Presbyterian church. A large majority both of the class in general and of those who will probably be on the graduating stage belong to that church. These would, of course take much more pleasure in passing through the closing scenes of their college life in the church in

which they have been accustomed to worship. Especially is this true of the orators; they will speak with much more ease in a place with which they are perfectly familiar. Besides, this church is in other respects better suited for these exercises than any other. The class of Eighty-two has been so faithful in its work through its whole course that some mark of favor ought to be shown them now, especially since their petition in regard to the Senior holidays was not granted.

Our wants as a college are numerous, but above all others there is one that stands out pre-eminent, and that is a new walk from the Blue Gate to the chapel, as well as from South to North College. We may be a little premature in this, as the season for laying walks has scarcely arrived, but still past experience proves that the "powers that be" are not in the habit of laying out a very great amount of money in improvements unless something be said by way of suggestion. Therefore, we now make this suggestion, trusting that before commencement we will be favored with the presence of that which has been long considered a great need.



LOCAL.

—Oxford caps are gradually coming out of winter quarters.

—Where is the cape of Good Horn? Ask a member of '85.

—A Freshman in one of the literary societies cannot speak from notes unless they are concealed in his hat. How great is the power of habit!

—On March 22nd, there was given a phonographic exhibition in the chapel by a Mr. Harmon. After relating the circumstances which led to its discovery, and explaining the working of the phonograph, he sang, talked and made sounds in imitation of all kinds of animals, which were reproduced so as to be distinctly heard throughout the chapel. The opportunity of seeing this grand invention was a rare one, and those who took advantage of it felt well repaid.

—J. S. Hoy responded to the toast "Class of '85" at the Freshman class supper, not J. S. Hog, as appeared in the last issue.

—A member of '85 being told that it was customary for the Freshmen class to hoe potatoes in place of drill during the 3rd term, was much enraged, and declared it was a money-making scheme devised by the Faculty. He has since concluded that it was a joke.

—Morey, '85, received a sprain in the "Gym" which caused him to limp for some time.

—The Freshmen could scarcely be persuaded to take hold of a cane after

passing their examinations. Each one wanted another to try it first.

—Work on the new building has been resumed. We hope to see the building completed by Commencement.

—The annual circular and catalogue of Union University is out. Under the head of "Awards" we notice the addition of the names of those elected to the Phi Beta Kappa. The summary gives the University a total of 504 students, of which number the Medical Department claims 172, the Law Department 58 and the Department of Pharmacy 21, including one lady student.

—It is time for aspirants for the prize stage to consider their subjects, and search the library for eloquent Ciceronian sentences.

—Our reading-room is being constantly improved both in reading matter and convenience. Additional files for papers have been placed on the racks.

—Wells, '84, was confined to his room for two weeks with the mumps. Bishop J. S. was also on the sick list for a few days.

—Henceforth the Sophs have drill only twice a week. Gladly will they welcome the day when this ceases to be one of their troubles.

—According to a Freshman blackberries are white when they are green. This is color-blindness.

—The regular vacation of the Seniors which occurred last year in the first part of April has been changed. This year the vacation commences with the 1st of June.

—Hon. Rufus W. Peckham has been elected Trustee of Dudley Observatory, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robt. H. Pruyn.

—The three days which the Faculty so kindly added to our Easter vacation were very acceptable to all.

—The Philomathean society, at its last regular meeting of last term, elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

President, J. R. Harding; Vice-President, G. V. P. Lansing; Secretary, R. B. McCown; Treasurer, J. G. Evans; Librarian, G. F. Allison; Curator, G. W. Ebaugh.

Also the following officers for the annual commencement exercises:

Valedictorian, S. Griswold; Alternate, E. B. Waller; Respondent, J. R. Harding; Card Committee, A. W. Ray, C. B. Templeton, W. S. Royal.

—Now doth the gay Freshman daintily wield his cane, and great is the rejoicing among the oculists and druggists.

—Senior (reciting in astronomy).—
"There is a constellation called Ursa Minor, represented by the little bear which has a bright star in the handle." Prof.--"Yes! In the handle of the bear?"

—Prof. (in English Literature).—
"To what Christian denomination did Wicliffe belong?" Sophomore.—
"I believe he was an infidel, sir."

—Prof. Price has been attending mathematical lectures at the John Hopkins University, Baltimore, during the past vacation.

—The scientific division of the Sophomore class will study Courtney's Calculus this term, being the first class to use it.

—A Soph. during examination in English Literature said that "The Tale of Beowulf" was an old Scandinavian legend, the hero of which was a Norse saga.

—The Junior class have completed their work with Prof. Wells. At the last recitation of last term they presented him with an elegantly framed crayon portrait of himself, executed by Dougherty, '80. The Professor was much affected, and spoke very feelingly.

—Dow Beekman, '84, responded to the toast "The Faculty" instead of J. E. Bacon, Jr., as was erroneously stated in our last.

—T. of the Senior class desires to know if the dome at the Dudley Observatory is turned by the Siderial clock.

—Another Senior while standing in the main room of the Observatory asked "Where is the Dudley Observatory, any way."

—Waller, '82, has secured the position left vacant by Miss Knight at the Classical Institute, and is now Professor of Mathematics in that institution.

—The Senior class has decided to charge admission to the Commencement ball. The price of tickets will be \$3.00, and any gentleman holding a Commencement invitation issued by a member of the class, can procure these tickets from any member of the Ball Committee.

—Mr. Dievendorf, proprietor of the Carley House, would be pleased to receive the amount due him from the Hamilton B. B. nine, which they *forgot* to forward him after their last visit to Schenectady.

—Messrs. Drowne and Watkins have been elected "Pipe of Peace Orator" and "Ivy Orator," respectively, for the Commencement class day exercises.

—Mr. Pach, of New York, has had two agents in town for a few weeks taking pictures of the Faculty and Seniors. They have completed the work and returned. Mr. Pach will come in person soon for the purpose of taking class and society groups.

—Dufresne having been here somewhat over a year and having completed the engineers' course for which he came, returned to his home in Quebec March 24. He expects two examinations during the coming summer, in both of which he will doubtless be successful. Coming among us a stranger, both to our customs and language, he soon made many friends, all of whom regret that he has found it to his interest to leave College now.

—The Senior class recently made their annual excursion to Dudley Observatory under the direction of Prof. Staley. A most profitable and pleasant afternoon was spent with Prof. Boss, who was very particular that no point of interest in connection with the instruments should go unexplained. Mr. Wells who also entertained us so well before the arrival of Prof. Boss, will please accept our congratulations upon his recent success in "star gazing."

—Young lady reading German at the U. C. I.: "Oh no, it cannot be that he has left me!" 2nd Young Lady: "Is it your Sophomore, friend?"

—"Longest time on record—six hours," was the reading of one of the Freshman transparencies, referring to the length of the examination.

—The time for handing in Commencement essays has been postponed to June 17th.

—Many of the customs in which former classes delighted, such as the rush, salting the Freshmen in chapel, and "moving up" in chapel on the first day of third term, have been abolished, but the Freshman class still cremate their Algebra, although the bones of M. Bourdon were laid away by '84 never to be disturbed, and Newcombe has taken his long occupied and well filled position.

On the night of Thursday, March 30th, the class of '85 started from South College and made the usual parade of Union, State, Lafayette and Liberty streets. Returning, they found that their barrel of tar had been spread over a good part of Lafayette street, and their wood had been donated to the citizens living in that vicinity. An unusual large crowd of upper-classmen, sub-freshmen and "townies" followed the line, and the usual amount of yelling "Oh Fresh" and throwing stones was indulged in. At the gate, on their return, Mitchell, '85, was struck on the head by a rock and almost stunned, but no one was seriously injured. After arriving at the College grounds the two policemen, who had followed to this point, wisely concluded to leave. As we have no sympathy either with those Sophomores who delight in throwing stones and sticks at a crowd of college men who are minding their own business, or for the Freshmen who delight in thumping every body they see because some body is disturbing their peace and quiet, we have nothing to say about the proceedings after entering the college grounds, excepting to give their programme, the parts of which, we have no doubt, were well written, (although they may as well have been written in Hebrew for the hearing they got), and

well carried out. The order was as follows :

Dirge, - - - by Weeping Mourners.
Poem, - - - - - A. B. Bishop.
Address to Mourners, W. H. Vaughn.
Oration, - - - - - A. E. Barret.
Chant, - - - - - Class.

At the conclusion of the exercises the class adjourned to the "Gym," where the battle axes, partially burned leaves of the book and the remnants of the casket were sold at auction, the sales amounted to about thirty dollars.

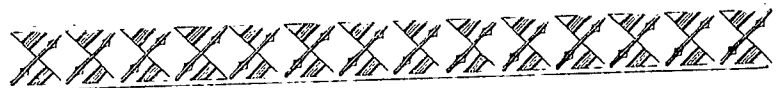
—Truly there are some progressive men in the Freshman class. Two of them upon hearing that the class were to study History this term bought Guizots History of Civilization.

—The Freshmen upon attempting to enter chapel arrayed in their plug hats were met by the genial Prex who simply remarked, "Put them down there," pointing to one corner of the entrance.

—It has been evident for some time that the Sophomores do not intend that peace and quiet shall reign supreme around the college. Accordingly when the Freshmen attempted to carry out the ancient and respected custom of parading the streets arrayed in the festive plug hat, the Sophomores, not content with the racket of cremation night, lit down upon them with eggs, both fresh and other, near the Classical Institute. The Freshman made a charge and for a time the battle raged fiercely. With the exception of one Freshman, no one was hurt, except in their feelings and the appearance of their clothes.

—The subject assigned the Freshman class for their first essay is "College Secret Societies, their Benefits and Evils."

—Owing to a mistake, no mention was made in our last issue of Prof. Staley's annual supper to the Engineers of the graduating class. This custom of the Professor is a very pleasant one, and strengthens the already strong tie between him and his boys. The Engineers are his especial charge, and the relations between instructor and student are, from beginning to end, of the pleasantest nature. '82's ten aspirants to Engineering fame will long remember Mrs. Staley's bounteous board and the genial hospitality of herself and Prof. Staley.



EXTRANEAE.

—One of the students has named his dog Oscar, because it is wild.—*Ex.*

—“If there's no moonlight, will you meet me by gaslight, dearest Juliana?”

“No, Augustus, I won't,” she replied, “I'm no gas meter.”—*Ex.*

—An exchange wants to know “whether our colleges turn out gentlemen.” Certainly not; the gentlemen are allowed to go on and graduate.—*Ex.*

—“There,” triumphantly exclaimed a Deadwood editor, as a bullet came through the window and shattered the inkstand, “I knew that new ‘Personal’ column would be a success.”—*Ex.*

—At a neighboring educational institution for young ladies, the other day, a rap was heard on one of the

doors, upon opening which a seedy looking tramp was brought to view. “Is this the college?” he asked. “Yes, what would you like?” “Have the students any old pants they would like to dispose of?” The interview was abruptly terminated by a speedy closing of the door. Fact.—*Amherst Student.*

—“My dear Professor, how could you condition my son? Why, he has his lessons at his fingers' ends!” “Certainly, sir. He had his lessons at his fingers' ends, but he also had his book up his back, which won't work in this department?”—*Acta.*

—Junior, upon having his attention called to a hair on his shoulder, replied: “That is nothing, I have had a whole head of them there.”—*Madisonensis.*

—“Electric Corsets” are advertised. This must be the kind we saw through a third story window while riding over the elevated road the other night—for it shocked us.—*Ex.*

—Nine per cent. of Yale graduates become clergymen. But to see them in the Sophomore year, you'd find it mighty hard to select one that doesn't seem headed straight for running a gambling saloon or a training school for prize fighters.—*Post.*

—Professor, casting his eye upon a pair of feet lying before his desk: “Whose feet are these?”

Student in rear of the room: “Mine, sir.”

Prof: “Haul them home.”
Feet coiled around adjacent benches.—*Ex.*

—Why was Pharaoh's daughter like a successful stock broker in a money panic? Because she got a profit from the rushes on the banks.—*Ex.*

—Who says it is unhealthy to sleep in feathers? Look at the spring chicken and see how tough he is.—*Ex.*

—An exchange says: "The last census embraces several millions of women." Oh, that we were the census!—*Ex.*

—If there is anything that knocks the piety out of a church deacon, it is when passing his own pew with the collection plate, his son, in a fit of extreme liberality, shoves in two poker checks in mistake for as many quarters.—*Ottumwa (Ia.,) Press.*

—What is a kiss? A monosyllable form of communication, composed only of labials, frequently used as a conjunction, although an article, and more common than proper. (To be continued.)—*Ex.*



EXCHANGES.

—We received this month a wide awake agricultural journal from Moline, Illinois. It has taught us something in the advertising line. The wrapper reads: "If not called for, P. M. will please hand to some good farmer." We presume P. M's. of the west are a different breed from those who infest our eastern college towns. If they are not, the "*Western Plowman*" is singularly wasteful of its ink.

—The *Colby Echo's* redeeming feature for April is its Literary Depart-

ment, containing one poetic and three good prose articles. We read with much pleasure "The Duxbury Sands," a short and finely written piece describing a yachting party's night on an old wreck on the sands not far from the historic rock of Plymouth. The story itself is not of interest, but the simple, easy style pleased us, for it sounded strangely unlike the average production of a college lad. "The moon had risen with the tide, and the water, ruffled by a light, easterly breeze, was now just lapping the side of the wreck below me. Every wave danced and sparkled as brilliantly as in the day time, and the whole sea, on which appeared not a single sail, was bathed in a light that made the lighthouse lantern pale and insignificant, as it winked and blinked feebly at the end of the narrow strip of sand."

—The *Rockford Seminary Magazine* is a neat, thirty-page monthly, which comes to us from the young ladies of Rockford, Illinois. Gallantry forbids us speak otherwise than well of the ladies, while honesty requires truth or nothing, and in the present instance these qualities are in unison. We consider this Magazine second only to the *Vassar Miscellany* among its sister exchanges, and superior to many of its brothers. An article on "Luck," in the March number, does

much credit to its Sophomore author. It is bright, hopeful and logical, and we would be much happier to live by the truths it explains; that luck is a myth; that men only climb the "loftiest top of Fame's dread mountain" by honest, unceasing toil; that our statesmen, musicians, artists and authors have worked their own destinies; and that, next to ourselves, we must look to Heaven for help. The Editorial Department is a little weak, but "Home Items" supplies the deficiency. Exchanges are handled spicily.

—The *Student*, of March 25th, has an amusing article on "Boning." The term arose from "Bohn's Standard Library," the disciples of the great philanthropist calling their process "Bohning," and this was the original spelling of the word. The modern orthography is required by "Greek euphony." "The perversion of meaning can be explained by a single reference. We have only to bear in mind that rank men are the most expert and crafty Bo(h)ners we have, and the mystery is solved. We pause here a moment to wipe away the tear which we cannot suppress. The utter depth of depravity

to which the word is sunk almost breaks our heart." * * * *
Yet we cannot refrain from paying this little tribute:

Our reverend Profs. we do revere,
For they are good and true,
But oh! the tutors—we stop right here—
And thank Heaven they are so few.

But we'll rally around the standard of one
And our tribute of love lay down;
Then upon the brows of our idol Bohn
We'll lay a jewelled crown."

—We clip the following from the Williams' *Argo* of March 11th:

"Our near neighbor the *Concordiensis* is a good example of the marked improvement in outward appearance, which the college press has lately undergone. In the days when Ephraim first assumed the quill, it was an ugly, awkward, untidy sheet, a positive aggravation to the æsthetic taste of the ex-ed. Now it is a neatly-printed, well-bound magazine, convenient alike for reading and binding. Its departments are carefully and tastefully edited, that devoted to athletics being unusually large. One of its editorials confirms a suspicion which Ephraim has long entertained. It declares the lectures of Mr. Freeman a failure.



PERSONAL.

'20. Rev. George Mairs, who died at his home in Argyle, was a graduate of Union College in the year 1820—the class in which were numbered such men as Taylor Lewis, Lauren P. Hickok, William H. Seward and William Kent.

✓ The death of Judiah Ellsworth is announced. Mr. Ellsworth was a graduate of Union College, and forty years ago was a leading member of the Saratoga County Bar. In 1832 he was made Master of Chancery, and in 1840 President Harrison appointed him Postmaster at Satatoga Springs. In 1860 he represented the second assembly district in the New York State Legislature, as a Republican. (He was universally admired and esteemed.)

✓ '32. Representative Thomas Allen, of Missouri, who died April 2nd, at Washington, graduated from Union College in the year 1832. In the year 1874 he received the degree of LL. D. from the college. He endowed a chair at Washington University, at an expense of \$40,000 and gave his native town, Pittsfield, Mass., a free library. He leaves an estate valued at \$15,000,000.

✓ '40. Nehemiah Millard died March 18th, in Patterson, N. J.

✓ '60. Joseph Bell is justice of the supreme court in New Mexico.

✓ '75. Johnson died in Schenectady. March 31st, 1882.

'76. Jos. R. Davis has been obliged to leave the Seminary because of a

lung difficulty brought on by excessive study. We understand that he is now at his home making preparations for a trip to Colorado, where he hopes to regain his health. He has the sympathies of every one here who knew him as a teacher and friend, and also their hopes for his speedy recovery.

✓ '78. Bold was recently in town. He is about graduating from the New York Seminary, and will be ordained deacon by Bishop Doane on Trinity Sunday.

✓ '79. Morehouse is in the Theological Seminary, N. Y. city.

✓ '79. Legge is teaching in Charleston.

'79. Salley is in business in Orangeburg, S. C.

'80. Crane is in Topeka, Kansas.

'81. Leland is a candidate for a professorship in the Military Academy, Charleston.

'81. Carhart was recently in town.

'82. Lewin hopes to be back soon to graduate with his class.

'82. Van Wagenen has been convalescing from a severe attack of typhoid fever, and has returned to his class. He is gladly welcomed back.

'82. Sylvester is in the northern part of Maryland.

✓ '82. Phyfe is teaching in Delhi, and will not return until the end of the term.

✓ '82. Morgan is working in the Schenectady Coralline works. He expects to graduate with '83.

✓'83. Treutlen is studying law at Helena, Arkansas.

'83. Peoli is in Cuba.

'83. Thompson is in Topeka, Kan.

✓'83. J. B. W. Lansing is studying medicine at Bay City, Michigan. He likes it there very much.

'84. Craig has returned to college.

'84. Ray is studying under a private tutor at Columbia, S. C.

'84. Craig has returned from Louisiana, and is much better.

✓ Mrs. Caroline Coppee died at the residence of her son, Dr. Coppee, in Bethlehem, Pa., March 10.



COLLEGENSIA.

—Canada has forty colleges.—*Ex*

—Rutgers is to admit women.—*Burr.*

—A party of Princeton students will visit Texas next summer to study the flora of that state.—*Ex.*

—A Cornell man was recently injured by the accidental discharge of his duties.—*Ex.*

—1285 students attend the Washington University at St. Louis. The Faculty consists of 80 professors.—*Ex.*

—In the German universities, there are at least 7,000 American students.—*Northwestern.*

—Harvard is anxious to have a book of Harvard College songs. The *Advocate* thinks the "*Carmina Collegensia* has had its day"; and as "Yale has a good book devoted exclusively to Yale songs, Harvard need not be behind her, especially as their capabilities are so great."

—Merrill E. Gates of Albany, N. Y., has been elected President of Rutgers College. He is only 34 years of age.

—A new Fraternity has been started at Evanston, called the Alpha Omega Society. It has two members only, and the provisions of the constitution forbid any increase in its size. Which of them is Alpha, which Omega, is hard to decide.—*Ex.* What a social time these two fellows must have!

—Freshmen and Sophomore Societies have been abolished at Yale; while the Junior Societies, which are, in reality, chapters of *Psi Upsilon* and *Delta Kappa Epsilon*, are threatened with the same fate.—*Ex.*

—At the recent convention of Zeta Psi Fraternity held with the Cornell Chapter, the rival Chapter of Psi

Upsilon presented the Zeta Psi with a floral design for the banquet table. This pleasant incident ought to furnish Fraternity men elsewhere with a subject for sober thought.—*Ex.* That is an act we would like to see.—*Ex.* We would like to hear of more such acts. There is no reason for Fraternities to be antagonistic, and we would like to see more unison among them.

—The authorities of the Ohio State University have undertaken to keep the male and female students wholly apart, except in the recitation rooms and chapel. A former order permitting the girls to receive once a week has been rescinded, and they are forbidden to meet the boys anywhere out of doors. A rebellion is threatened among the boys, but we can imagine what a boon the new order must be to the girls.—*Sunbeam.* Does "Sunbeam" mean this, we wonder? If so, Canadian girls are different from their sisters in the states.—*Ex.*

—Great interest has been aroused at Bowdoin College by the suit brought against eight students for \$10,000 each for damages to a fellow-student, whose eyesight was nearly destroyed by their wanton "hazing." The entire Sophomore class, and probably the whole college, will be summoned as witnesses. The trial will soon be held by the Supreme Court of the county.—*Ex.*

—The first Greek Lettered Fraternity in America appeared in 1776 at William and Mary, *Phi Beta Kappa* by name. It is a disputed question whether it was founded by Thomas Jefferson, whether it sprung from a Free Mason's Lodge or was introduced from Europe. At present there are in the United States, 64 fraternities having 487 chapters, 35 chapter houses, 70 alumni chapters, a total membership of 65,256.—*Northwestern.*

—*The University*, one of the two papers published at the University of Michigan, has departed this life. Cause: financial embarrassment. It seems a little queer that while Harvard supports two daily and three bi-weekly publications, Michigan University, with a greater number of students, can not support two of the latter.—*Ex.* Won't the *Chronicle* explain this matter?

—At a meeting of delegates in New York, last October, a constitution for a national council of the Phi Beta Kappa society was proposed and adopted. The council will meet once in three years, having power to grant charters and to execute the functions of a permanent executive committee of the society. The council will probably arrange for the publication of a general catalogue of the fraternity, and the foundation of

a traveling fellowship, open to the competition of all American scholars. It is expected that the new organization will impart new vigor to the society, and go far towards restoring it to its former activity and influence.

—*Echo*.

—Hazing has taken a queer turn in Trinity. Thirteen Seniors enticed three Sophs. out in a carriage, drove them several miles, subjected them to gross indignities and then left them to find their way home. The Sophomore editors of the college paper are said to have made some disrespectful remarks about the Seniors. The Sophs. have made complaints against a number of prominent Seniors.

ATHLETIC.

Inasmuch as many men in college love athletic games, and since base-ball, for many reasons, cannot be enjoyed by all, we do not see why a lawn tennis club could not be formed without interfering with other sports. This game is becoming more and more popular, and the prospects are that an extensive association will be formed among the colleges. Union has always succeeded well in whatever she has undertaken, and there

is no reason why she should not be represented. We quote from some of our contemporaries in order to show the opinions. The *Brunonian* said:

“Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Brown all have a large number of courts and a fair average of first-rate players. As it is a sport that seems destined to remain popular for a number of years at least, and to increase in importance among recognized and established college sports, there seems to be no good reason why an intercollegiate lawn tennis association should not be formed at once. If such an association could be formed this winter a tournament equal in interest and exciting as a base-ball game might be held in the spring. We would like to see initiatory steps taken soon in regard to this matter.”

The *Yale Daily News* asked a similar question: “Why we do not have a lawn tennis tournament with our Harvard, Columbia and Princeton friends? All three of the colleges have tennis clubs. Harvard, we understand, has the championship of New England. We would like nothing better than to see our champions meet with hers. We hope something will be done in regard to getting a match between some other college or colleges.”

To this may be added the *Yale*

Record's conundrum, "and what number is more productive of fun than ten is?"

"The lawn tennis boom has struck Princeton in earnest, and a white flannel suit and a racket is all the rage. Tournaments are being played, and an inter-class contest will serve to place tennis on a firmer basis than heretofore," says the *Princetonian*.

"The tennis tournament has been finished," said the *Harvard Echo*, "and the results are very satisfactory. It has been shown that out of the very large number of tennis players in college there are quite as many who play a good game. A tournament is in progress at Yale, and the interest in tennis at all the colleges seems to be on the increase. We ought this year to take some decisive steps toward instituting an annual contest with other colleges."

"There are half-a-dozen first-class players in the university," observed the *Columbia Spectator*, "and if an inter-collegiate tournament should take place, as we judge probable from the college papers, we would certainly stand a very fair chance of coming out creditably."

The *Williams Argo* argued that as a high degree of proficiency had been manifested by lovers of the sport, that they might safely undertake a series of games with the young ladies of the

Sophia Smith College at Northampton.

At the close of October, when the four existing clubs had joined together in a formal organization and arranged a tournament, the *Trinity Tablet* said: "It is a wonder that this form of athletics was not adopted by the students before, it has so many advantages, especially for those who have little time to give to such things."

The adoption of the pastime by fifteen of the Rutgers men was also mentioned approvingly by the *Targum*, which later printed a list of newly chosen officers, and said that "a constitution has been drawn up and adopted and the necessary material for playing ordered." Likewise at Lafayette, according to the *Journal*, "lawn tennis has made its appearance, and bids fair to attain as great popularity as it has at other colleges. The players may be seen practising daily on the campus." The *Wesleyan Argus* reported: "The tennis players have braced and two fine courts adorn our campus. Great interest is being shown in the game, especially by the novices. The club is limited to sixteen members" The *Bowdoin Orient* notices the organization of a tennis club by the Sophomores.

The *Cornell Era* remarked, "We understand that quite an effort will

be made in the spring to introduce lawn tennis."

Such is the state of lawn tennis in most of the leading colleges, and we hope that arrangements may be made by which Union can be represented.

The "Major" has introduced a little hand-book on military tactics among the lower classes. It is a handy unexpensive volume, containing complete information for the soldier in company movements, etc. A series of cuts to illustrate the text accompany the book. It is printed by a Detroit firm, and is a compilation from more exhaustive works.

At a meeting of the Base Ball Association amendments to the constitution were adopted by which all monies are to be deposited in the hands of the treasurer of the college, and bills are to be paid by him only after passing through the hands of an auditing board. This board is composed of Prof. Price, Ford, '82, and Waddell, '82.

Why are not Freshmen philanthropic enough to bring out a football? Eighty-four generously furnished amusement in that line last year and contributed greatly to the income of the tailor and shoemaker. Eighty-five should manifest the same public spirit. We hear some talk among the Freshmen and Sopho-

mores of organizing regular foot-ball elevens, and would be glad to see an eleven made from each of the four classes.

As we had no games last fall, it is probable that we will have some athletic sports in the spring. It has been the custom to confine the games to a few contests in which only trained athletes could contest with a hope of success. Why would it not be advisable to add some contests in which many could compete, and which would afford amusement to the spectators? Other colleges infuse a large comic element into their sports, and with good success. Let us have a few wheel-barrow, three-legged, sack-races, etc. If prizes are not numerous enough we think sufficient money could be collected among the students. Above all things let the prizes be money, and not useless medals and cups.



LITERARY.

A HOLIDAY JAUNT.

"Jarred and out of tune" after the last term's campaign, and released from the thralldom of books, a party of "stalwarts" set out on a recruiting expedition. We had projected a journey on foot to the Helderbergs

and surrounding country; but, like Mark Twain on his Tramp abroad, we found at the end of our trip that we had ridden most of the way.

Arrived at the Helderbergs, we ascended their towering heights by the traditional "Indian Ladder," and after a good walk reached the edges of Thompson's Lake, whose little waves rolled merrily toward the shore to welcome us. We stood enraptured with the blue waters and beautiful scenery, the grandeur of which was enlivened by the rays of the sun setting in all her majesty. Roused from our trance by the notes of a whipporwill, which seemed proud to be the first harbinger of spring, we sought a wayside inn. Our fierce appetites appeased with a wholesome rural supper, "mine host," a portly landlord with a ruddy nose, evidently the effects of long soakage, entertained us with war stories. When "mine host" had ended, we withdrew to bed, falling asleep on the way.

We rambled the next day until four o'clock in the afternoon, when, climbing the rocks overhanging the Lake, we beheld three females rowing delightfully along the quiet water. Being very near and as solitude dispels formalities, we were soon conversing with them. Accepting their invitations, we embarked with them on the bosom of that placid Lake. My beautiful companion, pulling the Hanlan stroke, rowed manfully, for ten minutes, then offered me the oars. She withdrew one seat further back. Taking her place, I began to stroke awkwardly. Finding a tendency in the oars to "catch crab," which caused me to fall backward

several times, she modestly asked to resume the oars. Yielding, I took my old seat in front of her. Regarding her, I became influenced by her charms and grace and felt my heart palpitating rapidly. Like Irving, "if a strawberry smothered in cream has any conscientiousness of its delicious situation, it must feel as I felt at that moment."

I resolved to ask the history of her life and to tell her mine. Like Othello, I spake of most disastrous flunks, "of hairbreadth escapes i' the imminent deadly breach."

"This to hear,
Would my fair companion seriously
incline;

* * * * *

She'd often weep and with a greedy ear
Devour up my discourse." * * *

* * * * * "My story being done,
She gave me for my pains a world of
sighs;

She swore,—in faith, 'twas strange,
'twas passing strange;

'Twas pitiful, 'twas wondrous pitiful;
She wished she had not heard it; yet
she wished

That heaven had made her such a
man; she thanked me;

And bade me, if I had a friend that
lov'd her,

I should but teach him how to tell
my story,

And that would woo her." When we
had "come to," finding it darkening,
we hurried ashore to find those of the
party who had not gone on the boat-
ing expedition anxiously waiting for
our return.

The next morning, bidding my fair
companion a sad farewell, with
promises to return, we started out,
invigorated by the bracing mountain
air. We passed many pleasing sights
on our return trip and arrived safely
at Schenectady, feeling stronger and
eager to "take up arms against a sea
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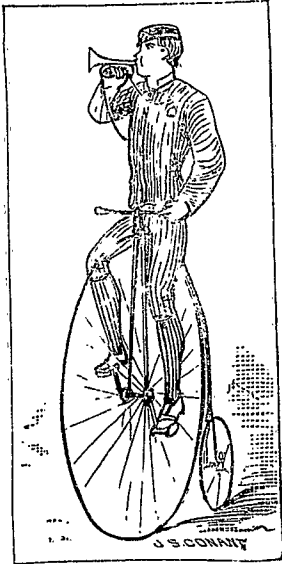
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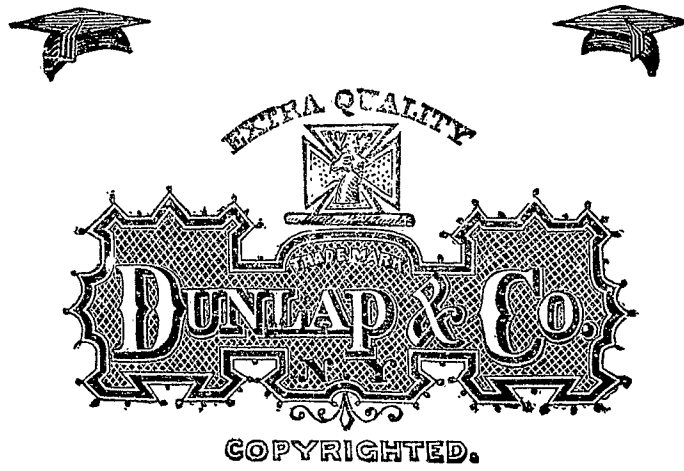
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