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A UNIQUE RECEPTION.

"The Strangers within our gates" were invited, on the opening of the term, through the instrumentality of the young men of the college Y. M. C. A., to a warm welcome at the house of the President of the college, which was generously offered for the occasion.

The invitation was evidently appreciated, for it received a hearty response; and the new comers were made at home by the greetings of the upper classmen and members of the faculty. And, as we glanced over the company, we said to ourselves this is quite a *unique* reception, and one of characteristic import; for, is there a college in the land that could have presented one of the same peculiarity? Perhaps the most of those present were not aware of the fact that the term "Union College" means the union of the various christian denominations. In the early days of our statehood, no denomination was strong enough to start and support a college of itself, and the happy thought occurred to its founders to call the denominations together and establish a *union* of evangelical christians — and this project was a success.

The result is that since the foundation of the college, the faculty has counted among its members adherents of the various phases of christian belief and offices. And, in sympathy with this feature of its organization, the students vary in their christian preferences; and among the incoming class this variation is as marked as usual. And for this reason we call the reception alluded to "unique" — "unique" because the simple supposition was that most of them came from christian homes of some shade, and the question was not raised as to which.

Now the natural inference would be that such a procedure would not be productive of

harmony — but it certainly is not productive of antagonism. We have never known of the objection being urged against a man because of his religious leanings. The question has been frequently asked: "How do you manage the service of the chapel?" And the reply is that each man conducts it in his own way, and the simplest christian form. And we have never known a student to complain of chapel attendance because of its character. And we believe it to be an axiom of the faculty, never in chapel or recitation room to use an expression in matters of religion or politics that could reasonably offend the peculiarities of any faith or school.

And this generosity of mutual treatment is very marked among the students themselves. We have known some young men of the Hebrew faith, for instance, to come here with misgivings as to the reception that they would receive from their fellow students. But have never known the least discrimination to be shown against them. In a little while they have gained confidence, and learned that they would be judged and treated according to their merits as men, companions, and students; and they have almost invariably been faithful to the college requirements, even to the attendance of chapel. We, therefore, submit that the college seal is a true and appropriate claim for Union, namely: *In necessariis, unitas; in dubiis, libertas; in omnibus, caritas.* In Essentials, unity; in Non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.

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test between the debating representatives of Harvard and Yale has come to be looked upon as the leading literary event of the year for those two colleges; smaller institutions are forming dual leagues throughout the country; and this year Union contemplates a Union-Williams debating league in addition to the oratorical league to which she already belongs.

As a basis for this venture we have those grand old institutions, the Adelpic and the Philomathean, resuscitated at last, though their lives are in little accord, it seems to me, with the growing activity of the college and hardly apt, in their present condition, to uphold the honor of Old Union.

What we want is, first, that the men should join one or the other of these debating societies and, second, that they should do so, not for the sake of becoming members thereof, but with the purpose of taking an active interest in the work and that for the good interest of no one other than themselves. Few men realize what incalculable benefit they are bound to derive from active participation in the proceedings of one of these clubs. The faculty of rising to one's feet with a few points in mind and elaborating those points into a connected, clear and forcible argument can only be acquired by practice,—practice long and arduous enough, but laden with results almost indispensable to the professional man and never unwelcome, whatever the vocation in life. A man, whether he be minister, professor, lawyer or what not, if he has not this faculty, is but poorly equipped at the start off. He believes that he can cultivate the power in connection with his work, forgetting that he needs it *from the beginning*, that at any moment he may be called upon to exhibit its possession and that moment is sure to be the one of all others most concerned with his future success.

Practice is the great essential to extemporaneous speaking, and the college debating clubs are the best, if not the only, means of

obtaining that practice. The few compulsory discussions in the college course are but as drops in the bucket, for the filling of which we must trust to the work in those old halls whose echoes have been waked by the voices of so many of the greatest men of the nation. Well may we agree with many an old graduate that in them is to be found a most important element in the education of a college man. And so, let the time-worn benches be well filled, and let each man come to his seat prepared, not to listen, but to talk. Thus may he contribute to the advancement of the club, to the advancement of the college and, above all,—and this includes the rest—to the advancement of himself.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ADELPHIC.

JUNIOR ELECTION.

The Junior class met in the chapel, Tuesday, Oct. 3, and elected the following officers: President, Alfonso Dix Bissell; vice-president, George L. Streeter; secretary, Frank Vandebogart; treasurer, Harmon R. Potter; historian, Albert S. Cox; base ball director, Frederick Klein; foot ball director, A. E. Barnes; toastmaster, Howard Pemberton, 2d.

'95'S "GARNET."

The board of editors of the *Garnet* are actively engaged in the work of editing their annual publication, which they expect to publish at an early date. They are endeavoring to make the book the finest ever published at Union. As it will be the centennial *Garnet* it will be replete with historical data of interest, both to the alumni and undergraduates. The board of editors consists of: W. L. Sawyer, Psi Upsilon, editor-in-chief; G. A. Johnston, Alpha Delta Phi, literary editor; W. S. McEwan, Beta Theta Pi, business manager; Frank Vandebogart, Sigma Phi, assistant business manager; H. R. Dwight, Kappa Alpha, S. W. Skinner, Delta Upsilon; J. A. Clark, Jr., Phi Delta Theta; H. R. Potter, Chi Psi, and J. B. Hotaling, Delta Phi, associates.

WILLIAM H. McELROY, L.L. D.

"The human race are sons of Sorrow born ;
And each must have his portion, Vulgar minds
Refuse, or crouch beneath their load ; the Brave
Bear theirs without repining."

We learned with regret, last summer, of the bereavement of one of old Union's famous sons, William H. McElroy, '60. Just as summer was about to feel the cold breath of autumn,—just as the birds began to sing their farewell songs, she, who had been to him "Heaven's last best gift, his ever new delight," was called to higher service by the Master. There is a sorrow as well as a joy in which the stranger intermeddled not, but

"We are fellows still,
Serving alike in sorrow."

And so we bring the palm-leaf of sympathy to lay upon the grave that holds within its unanswering bosom the key to that mystery which men call Death, and which is not more great a mystery than that of Birth.

We are glad to learn now that Mr. McElroy is about to devote his time exclusively to the lecture field ; having severed his connection with the *New York Tribune*, where he has done editorial work since 1882. Mr. McElroy was born in Albany, N. Y.; and received his preparatory education at the famous Albany academy ; from which school he passed to Union, graduating from her walls in 1860.

He was associated later with Charles Emory Smith, late minister to Russia,—another Union man—in the editorship of the *Albany Journal*. While in this capacity, Mr. McElroy became well known as a versatile writer, with a pen-dipped in racy humor and satire, as well as in good common sense, and it was at this time that his satire of the splurgy weddings of the day, which purported to be an account of the marriage of the daughter of a Brazilian diamond king to a young American, brought him into the notice of such eminent men as Edward Everett Hale, George William Curtis and Edmund

Clarence Stedman. Later his "Contribution to the Conscience Fund," in the *Old and New*, and "An Old War Horse to a Young Politician," in the *Atlantic Monthly*, added to his renown as a droll and satirical writer. His "Elongated Classics," in the *Atlantic*, was a witty argument against the series of works named "Condensed Classics;" taking the ground that if it were permissible to condense a classic, there was equal warrant for elongating it. But Mr. McElroy did not confine himself to that style of writing. A story called "Matthew Middlemas' Experiment," that appeared in the *New York Tribune*, was an inspiring exhortation to Christian helpfulness, and has done effective work in that line in many communities.

Mr. McElroy has already made his mark in the lecture field, and now that he intends devoting himself to it exclusively—or perhaps with occasional literary and incidental newspaper work—we prophesy a great future for him. The subject for his lectures for the coming lyceum season are "Famous Men at Famous Dinner," "Repartee as a Fine Art," and "George William Curtis."

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AT WILLIAMS.

Williamstown has just witnessed the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Williams college. The exercises were opened Sunday by a sermon on the relation of education to religion, and were fittingly closed yesterday afternoon by a banquet in the centennial hall, which is capable of seating 1,500 persons and which was built for the celebration. Andrew Carnegie and Governor Russell, were among the speakers. Distinguished college presidents present were, Dwight of Yale, Elliott of Harvard, Andrews of Brown, Tucker of Dartmouth, Gates of Amherst, Smith of Trinity, Low of Columbia, Gilman of Johns Hopkins and Hall of Clark University.

In less than two years Schenectady will witness a similar centennial celebration, when the sons of Old Union will gather from far and near to do honor to their alma mater.

'VARSITY, 26; SCRUB, 4.

The best game of foot ball that a scrub team ever put up against a 'varsity on Union's campus, was played on Saturday, September 30. The teams lined up as follows:

'VARSITY.	POSITION.	SCRUB.
Myers	right end	Pollock
Palmer	right tackle	Brookhart
Barnes	right guard	Blodgett
Schermerhorn	center	Sweetland
Miller	left guard	Wood
Brown	left tackle	Johnston
Smith	left end	Richards
Dempster	quarter	Burlingame
Gregory	right half	Braman
Lavery	left half	Cooper
Wescott	full	Gregory, '96

The game consisted of thirty minute halves. In the first half the 'varsity took the ball and in less than a minute and a half Lavery had secured a touch-down. Wescott kicked a goal. Good gains were made by Gregory and Lavery for the 'varsity, and Braman, Pollock and Palmer did some splendid tackling for the scrub. In fifteen minutes Gregory made the second touch-down for the 'varsity and Wescott kicked another goal. In five more minutes Lavery scored another touch-down by a good run around the end, being admirably guarded by Gregory and Wescott. Before the end of the first half Gregory and Lavery each scored another touch-down, and Wescott failed in both tries for goal.

The second half was opened with three more men on the scrub, Johnston, Nellis and Cass. The ball passed back and forth from 'varsity to scrub for twenty minutes, splendid work being done by Braman, Cooper and Burlingame. Finally Gregory scored another touch-down, and Myers kicked a goal. In spite of evident defeat the scrub continued to play a sharp game and before time was called succeeded in scoring one touch-down by Cooper. Gregory of the scrub failed in his try for goal.

When time was called the score stood 26—4 in favor of the 'varsity.

UNION, 10; R. P. I., 6.

A better day than was Saturday, October 7, could not have been desired for a foot ball contest, and although the score was not as satisfactory as it might have been, nevertheless Union won, and a victory is a victory. The R. P. I. team is probably the weakest one that Union will have occasion to line up against this season, but, all things considered, the recent close contest is of but little significance. It teaches a lesson however, and that is that if Union expects to cope successfully with the crack college teams with which games have been arranged, she will have to cultivate more team work and less individual playing. The regular services of an efficient coach are sadly needed, and no fact was more plainly demonstrated in Saturday's game than this.

Captain Gregory did not play. His place at right half was filled by Braman who covered himself with glory. The team was captained by Lavery, whose brilliant playing deserves special mention.

The contest took place on the West Troy grounds. The attendance was large, including a host of the fair sex, and about one hundred Union men.

Mr. Thompson acted as referee, and Mr. Farrell as umpire. The game was called at 3:55 P. M., with the teams lined up as follows:

UNION.		R. P. I.
Chamberlain	r. e.	Gorland
Beckwith	r. t.	Magor
Barnes	r. g.	Brohm
Sweetland	c.	Edwards
Miller	l. g.	MacPherson
Palmer	l. t.	Scobie
Smith	l. e.	Wilcox
Braman	r. h.	Hanovan
Lavery	l. h.	Lyons
Ball	q.	Ginebra
Myers	f.	Hine

R. P. I. started with the ball and worked the wedge for a small gain. The ball went to Union on four downs, and was held until a touch down had been made by the alternate

attacks of Lavery and Braman upon the R. P. I. center and right end. Braman carried the ball over. Time, nine minutes. Smith failed to kick a goal.

R. P. I. gained slightly on the wedge. Small gains were made on rushes through the center, when the ball was lost to Union on four downs. Union worked the ball back again into R. P. I. territory and then lost it on four downs. The institute team tried the college centre, but went down in their tracks at each effort. Beckwith did some splendid tackling. A series of off-side plays lost Union fifteen yards, but Lavery and Braman made up the loss and worked the ball to within a foot of the R. P. I. goal when time was called.

In the second half Union forced the ball to within five yards of the R. P. I. goal, when Lavery fumbled it over the line to Smith who touched it down. Time, eight minutes. Myers kicked a goal. R. P. I. gained steadily on rushes through the centre and right end, until Hanovan touched the ball down. MacPherson kicked a goal. Union held the ball and was gaining steadily when time was called. Throughout the game Sweetland did excellent work at centre; and Ball at quarter played his position to the satisfaction of all. The return game will be played at Schenectady, October 21.

SENIOR CLASS ELECTION.

The Senior class met in the chapel at 12:15 Friday, September 28, President Loebenstein in the chair. The following ticket was elected: President, George Briggs Lynes; vice-president, Douglass Campbell; secretary, Hiland L. Baggerly; treasurer, William J. Van Auken; historian, N. L. Lawton; toastmaster, C. F. Loebenstein; prophet, S. T. Braman; orator, Raymond A. Lansing; poet, E. Lee Auchampaugh; addresser, J. N. White; ivy orator, John Van Schaick, Jr.; pipe orator, J. O. Reynolds; base ball director, J. N. White; foot ball director, H. L. Cooke. The two last officers were elected last year.

THE ATHLETIC MEET.

The handicap meet which occurs Oct. 20th, does not count as a class contest, and the points do not go toward the inter-class banner. The object of having this meet is to bring out new men, as every one has an equal chance of winning. It will serve to develop material for the mid-winter and spring meets; and in this way it stimulates the fellows to greater activity. The beautiful prizes, which will be awarded the winners, are encouraging to all, and every day sees increased numbers on the track training for the respective events. The prizes consist of silver goblets and beautiful alarm clocks, for first place; match cases, stamp boxes, etc., for second places. The entry fee is 25 cents for one or 50 cents for two or more events, and several of the best athletes in college have already entered.

The men who will probably be entered on scratch are as follows: In the 100 and 220 yard dash, Baker, '95; in the 440 and 880, Capt. Allen, '95; in the mile race, Van Schaick, '95; in the two mile bicycle race, Burtiss, '97; in the 120 yard hurdles, Holleran, '95; in the 220 yard hurdles, Holleran, '95, and Twiford, '96; in the running high jump, Burgin, '95; in the running broad jump, Baker, '95, and Twiford, '96; in the weights, Barnes, '95; in the pole vault, Campbell, '96, and Morgan, '97, and in the mile walk, Pollock, '96, will be heavily handicapped.

Among the freshmen who will show up in good shape are O'Neil, Dempster, Westcott, Morgan, Burtiss, Todd and several others. The new management are doing all in their power to encourage track athletics; and this idea of giving prizes is one that ought to stimulate the men to work.

The most important business transacted at the last college meeting, was the election of an assistant foot ball manager. Manager Cooke explained the need of establishing such an office, and Clarke Day, '95, was nominated by A. E. Barnes, '95, of the advisory board and elected without opposition.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO GENERAL ATHLETICS.

Pliny T. Sexton.....	\$50	C. F. Limmerman, '83.....	3
Class of '79.....	50	J. S. Henderson, '64.....	1
Charles L. Easton, '63.....	25	J. A. DeRemer, '57.....	5
George Alexander, '66.....	20	B. H. Sanders, '93.....	2
A. V. V. Raymond, '75.....	10	S. R. Pensen, '86.....	2
Stephen K. Williams, '37.....	10		
J. H. Hanson, '89.....	10	A KISS IN THE RAIN.	
Amasa J. Parker, '63.....	10	One stormy night I chanced to meet	
J. F. Schlosser, '74.....	10	A lassie in the town ;	
J. Bayard Backus, '74.....	10	Her locks were like the ripened wheat,	
Chester Holcombe, '61.....	10	Her laughing eyes were brown,	
R. C. Alexander, '80.....	10	I watched her as she tripped along,	
B. Whitlock, '77.....	5	Till madness filled my brain,	
J. C. Van Voast, '87.....	5	And then—well then, I knew 'twas wrong—	
H. D. Mosher, '90.....	5	I kissed her in the rain.	
J. B. W. Lansing, '83.....	5		
L. Thompson, '50.....	5	With rain-drops shining on her cheeks,	
A. P. Strong, '64.....	5	Like dew-drops on a rose,	
Nott Anable, '78.....	5	The little lassie strove to speak,	
A. B. Van Voast, '90.....	5	My boldness to oppose ;	
A. B. Bishop, '85.....	3	She strove in vain, and quivering,	
H. N. Snow, '63.....	2	Her finger stole in mine ;	
B. C. Sloan, '83.....	2	And then the birds began to sing,	
Harwood Dudley, '75.....	2	The sun began to shine.	
Howard Cornell, '65.....	2		
G. C. Stewart, '90.....	2	Oh, let the clouds grow dark above,	
W. L. Pearson, '68.....	2	My heart is light below ;	
L. M. King, '88.....	2	'Tis always summer when we love,	
F. B. Richards, '88.....	2	However winds may blow ;	
H. V. Mynderse, '84.....	2	And I'm as proud as any prince,	
Dow Beekman, '84.....	2	All honors I disdain ;	
E. M. Cameron, '87.....	2	She says I am her rain-beau since	
F. W. Cameron, '81.....	1	I kissed her in the rain.	
J. L. Simpson, '89.....	1	— <i>Columbia Spectator.</i>	
C. P. Collier, '43.....	1		
W. N. P. Dailey, '84.....	1	The following poem hails from the Leland	
F. J. Bassett, '77.....	1	Stanford University and is taken from the	
E. S. Harris, '86.....	2	<i>Sequeia</i> of March 8th :	
N. Millard, '53.....	1	In olden times the lovelorn youth,	
J. C. Yates, '72.....	1	Who held life not worth living,	
A. Buchanan, '73.....	1	Would plunge a dagger in his heart	
C. A. Waldron, '48.....	1	And die, his love forgiving.	
G. H. Clute, '90.....	1		
E. T. Schwilk, '90.....	1	The modern youth who, soured by love,	
H. E. Phelps, '63.....	1	Seeks shorter paths to heaven,	
		His sweater dons, eats raw beefsteak,	
		And joins the foot ball 'leven.	

RAH, RAH, '97!

The Freshman Banquet a Great Success.

The long anticipated Freshman banquet was held at the Edison Hotel on Monday evening, October 9, at ten o'clock. Promptly at the appointed hour Toastmaster Palmer led the way to the large dining hall, where the following excellent menu was done ample justice :

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| | SOUP, BOUILLION. | | |
| Olives. | Celery. | Sliced Tomatoes. | |
| Baked Lake Trout. | Potatoes Hollandaise. | | |
| Roast Fillet of Beef with Champignons. | | | |
| Baked Sweet Potatoes. | | | |
| Roman Punch. | | | |
| Roast Vermont Turkey, Cranberry Sauce. | | | |
| Mashed Potatoes. | Boiled Spinach. | | |
| Cottage Pudding, Rum Sauce. | Rose Ice Cream. | | |
| Coffee Cake. | Chocolate Cake. | Angel Cake. | |
| Sponge Cake. | Cocoanut Cake. | | |
| Nuts. | Raisins. | Grapes. | Oranges. |
| Apples. | Bananas. | | |
| Edam Cheese. | Domestic Cheese. | | |
| Bent's Water Crackers. | Coffee. | | |

When the chairs had been pushed aside, Toastmaster Palmer arose and with appropriate words called upon President Williams, who delivered an address of welcome. His remarks were summed up by the quotation :

"A good digestion to you all ; and once more, I shower a welcome on you ; welcome all."

The entire list of toasts is as follows :

- Our Alma Mater.....M. R. Fonda.
 "Then here's to thee, the brave and free,
 Old Union smiling o'er us."
 The Faculty.....P. Canfield.
 "Goodly, burly, sleek-conditioned men."
 The Sophs.....W. E. Bullard.
 "I had rather be a dog, and bay the moon,
 Than such a Roman."
 Foot Ball Prospects.....W. A. Westcott.
 "Thus far our fortune keeps an upward course,
 And we are grac'd with wreaths of victory."
 Our Friends, the Juniors.....A. D. Bissell, '95.
 "To say you are welcome, were superfluous."
 The Idol.....D. M. Doherty.
 "When to mischief mortals bend their will,
 How soon they find fit instruments of ill!"

- Base Ball.....S. B. Brown.
 "Brave conquerors! for so you are?"
 The College Paper.....C. W. Crannell, '95.
 "How shall I speak thee or thy power address,
 Thou God of our idolatry, the Press?"
 Our Pleasures, Trials and Triumphs....F. G. Kelsey.
 "A little nonsense now and then
 Is relished by the best of men."
 Our Absent Classmates.....H. C. Todd.
 "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."
 The Ladies.....N. I. Schermerhorn, '95.
 "Here's to the maiden of bashful fifteen,
 Here's to the widow of fifty;
 Here's to the flaunting, extravagant queen,
 And here's to the housewife that's thrifty."
 The Banquet.....L. K. Devendorf.
 "A feast of reason and a flow of soul."
 The Class of '97.....W. H. Robinson.
 "We are the people."

Numerous impromptu speeches, interspersed with college songs followed the regular list of toasts. The Juniors, those ever friends of the Freshmen, were represented by a large delegation.

The toast list and menu card were neatly bound with garnet and pink ribbons, the class colors.

The committee having the banquet in charge, consisted of G. E. Williams, Packard Palmer and H. P. Willis.

FOOT BALL NOTES.

At the Ridgefield athletic grounds Albany, on September 30, the Ridgefield eleven defeated the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute team by a score of 4-0. Melius, ex-'96 Union, played quarter-back for Ridgefield. Buckley of the Ridgefields made the only touch-down of the day inside of the first four minutes.

On the same day at the West Troy grounds Williams defeated the Laureates of Troy by a score of 20-0. The touch-downs were Wright 1, Townsend 1, and Draper 2. Goals kicked from touch-downs, Ide 2.

SCHEDULE OF FOOT BALL GAMES.

- Oct. 14.—Cornell at Ithaca.
 Oct. 18.—Williams at Williamstown.
 Oct. 21.—R. P. I. at Schenectady.
 Oct. 25.—Ridgefield at Albany.
 Oct. 28.—Laureates at Troy.
 Nov. 4.—West Point at West Point.
 Nov. 11.—Syracuse at Schenectady.
 Nov. 18.—Hamilton at Schenectady.
 Nov. 25.—Rochester at Rochester.

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OUR CALENDAR.

Oct. 11.—Foot ball. Union *vs.* Laureates on the campus.

Oct. 13.—Lecture. "Journalism and the Press." Chas. A. Dana.

Oct. 14.—Foot ball. Union *vs.* Cornell, at Ithaca.

Oct. 17.—Christian Association.

Oct. 18.—Foot ball. Union *vs.* Williams, at Williamstown.

Oct. 20.—Handicap Athletic meet on the college track.

Oct. 21.—Foot ball. Union *vs.* R. P. I., at Schenectady.

Oct. 24.—Christian Association.

Oct. 25.—The CONCORDIENSIS. Vol. 17, No. 3.

Oct. 25.—Foot ball. Union *vs.* Ridgefield, at Albany.

Oct. 28.—Foot ball. Union *vs.* Laureates, at Troy.

It is the duty of each class in college to see that their respective foot ball captains and managers are getting their class teams in condition for the series of games in competition for the Starin cup. These games will be

played very soon and no pains should be spared to make the contest a sharp one.

The side lines on the campus fill a long felt want. It is true that they somewhat mar the beauty of our unequalled campus, but they can be easily removed as soon as the foot ball season is over. The lines were placed in position at the expense of the foot ball association, to which every man in college is supposed to subscribe, and any student who is so thoughtless as to work against his own interests by tampering with the posts, ought to be run over the terrace or set upon the idol.

We take pleasure in congratulating the college on its selection of Clarke Day, '95, as assistant foot ball manager. Upon several occasions Mr. Day has given the students assurances of his business ability, notably the Sophomore soiree and the mid-winter and Williams athletic meets. Although not taking an active part in athletics himself, he stands among the foremost of Union men who have devoted time and energy to the furtherance of the athletic interests of the college, and we feel that he will prove to be a valuable assistant to Mr. Cooke, and will himself ably manage the team another season.

Since our last issue the Philomathean and Adelpic literary societies have commenced another year's work. We wish to call attention to the article contained in this number on "The Debating Society as an Element in College Education," and to urge all students who have entered college this fall, and who are so fortunate as to receive invitations to membership in either of these societies to join. Most of the men who have been graduated from Union and who have achieved renown in after-life, have been members of one or the other of these time honored institutions, and it becomes the duty of the present student body to give them their enthusiastic support.

In another column we print a criticism on the Butterfield lecture course taken from the editorial columns of the New York *Advertiser*. We also present an extract from the Albany *Argus*, which fully refutes the needless and shallow castigation of the above named usually courteous paper. No doubt the *Advertiser* will pleasantly and profitably read its own words of commendation which appeared in its columns shortly after the founding of the course: "General Daniel Butterfield, an alumnus of Union College, of the class of '49, signalized his election to the Presidency of the New York Alumni Association by the endowment of a course of lectures to be delivered before the undergraduates in Schenectady during the next two years. The lectures will be eminently practical, and the course is especially intended to inculcate a higher spirit of citizenship. Among the lecturers will be Governor McKinley, Ex-Secretary Bayard, General Horace Porter, Andrew Carnegie, Dr. Depew, President Low, John Sherman, Montgomery Schuyler, Warner Miller, General Sickles, General Butterfield himself and many more of equal prominence. The subjects will include "Wealth and Its Uses," "Politics in the United States," "Diplomatic and Consular Service," "Journalism," "Banking Finance, Currency," and similar objects in political economy, with other matters of especial value. The announcement of this endowment was received with great enthusiasm during the Alumni dinner at the Brunswick, Thursday night, and Mr. Henry J. Cullen of the class of '60, said that he would establish a prize of \$125 in gold for the best set of notes by any student upon the series of lectures, and another prize of \$75 for the best essay or thesis upon any one of the topics treated in the Butterfield course. The General has done a handsome and most beneficial thing for Old Union." We fail to find in the list of lecturers who have appeared before the students, any "silver cranks" or "rush light statesmen." We also commend to the critic a careful inquiry into

the mental and professional attainments and moral worth of those who are yet to come. We want the *Advertiser* to distinctly understand that whatever General Butterfield plans for the interests of his alma mater is not on the "cheap" order and will not be injured by the "cheap talk" of the *Advertiser*.

Local and Personal.

Allen, '93, is captaining the Laureate eleven of Troy, this fall.

J. A. O'Neill, '97, has been chosen leader of the Mandolin club.

Allen, '93, coached the foot ball team several days last week.

A. M. Banker, '92, of Gloversville, was the guest of Cook, '94, recently.

Richards, '95, and Derby, '95, spent Sunday at their respective homes in Sandy Hill.

Professor Getchel, of the West Troy schools, was the guest of friends on the hill last week.

West, '95, recently supplied the pulpit of the Albany Street Methodist Episcopal church.

The beautiful prizes for the athletic meet of Oct. 20th, are on exhibition at the trophy room.

Ludlow Melius, ex-Union '96, is playing quarter-back on the Ridgefield eleven of Albany.

A marked improvement has been made to the foot ball field by putting up ropes along the sides.

The Christian Association will soon arrange classes for the purpose of a systematic study of the Bible.

The Freshman class has adopted the following yell: "Union, Union, sis-boom-ah, '97-'97, rah, rah, rah!"

Sigsby, '96, our last year's pitcher, has returned to college. Sullivan, '96, will return the beginning of next term.

Prof. Mosher met those students who desire to continue the study of French, in his room, October 2d, and arranged a class.

Frank Clay Cornell, '93, visited on the hill during the past week.

Miles Aryault, '95, is the new president of the Christian Endeavor of the First Reformed church.

James M. Cass, '95, has been elected president of the Epworth league of the State Street Methodist church.

Veeder, '94; Shalders, '95; Twiford, '96, and Burtiss, '97, rode to Cooperstown on their wheels Saturday and returned Sunday.

McFarlin, '94, Princeton, who played on the Princeton 'varsity eleven last season, coached our team several days last week.

Francis E. Holleran, '95, has returned to college duties from Hoosick Falls, where he has been engaged on the new water works system.

President Lyons of the Senior class has appointed the Senior ball committee as follows: R. T. Gilmour, E. W. Daley and C. T. Loebenstein.

McCowatt, ex-Union, '94, who played full back on the Union eleven two seasons ago, has been on the campus frequently of late, coaching the team.

Prof. A. L. Peck, librarian of the Gloversville free library, passed a portion of last week on the hill, looking after the interests of the men holding the Levi Parsons scholarships.

Westcott, '95, has returned to college from his home in South Carolina. Mr. Westcott was unable to join his class at the beginning of the term on account of an attack of illness.

The assistant foot ball manager is to be elected from the Junior class at the second college meeting of the fall term, and is to serve as foot ball manager for the succeeding year.

N. E. Webster, Jr., '96, has accepted a position in the accounting department of the U. S. Treasury at Washington. He intends to take a course at the Concoran Scientific School in addition to his other work.

The following men were initiated into the Delta Phi fraternity Wednesday evening,

Oct. 4th: W. A. Campbell, '96; O. J. Dempster, '97; S. B. Brown, '97; W. E. Bullard, '97; W. A. Westcott, '97; H. C. Todd, '97.

Subjects for two Sophomore essays have been announced by Prof. Cole as follows: One formal essay (descriptive) on "The English House of Lords," and one extemporaneous essay (narrative) on "The Recent Phases of the Problem of Annexation."

The training table was started Monday with the following foot ball men in attendance: Lavery, Braman, Miller, Smith, Barnes, Cass, Brown, Pollock, Beckwith, Myers, Westcott, Dempster, Ball, Burlingame, Chamberlain, Sweetland, Wood, Bookhout, Palmer, Terry and Levey.

The Sophomores have elected the following officers; President, Z. L. Myers; vice-president, J. E. Kelley; secretary, R. Guernsey; treasurer, J. Herring; toast-master, R. B. Beattie; foot ball manager, W. J. Renwick; poet, N. E. Webster; business manager of the CONCORDIENSIS, H. F. Briggs.

The Freshmen have elected officers as follows: President, G. E. Williams; vice-president, J. A. O'Neill; secretary, H. C. Todd; treasurer, H. P. Willis; historian, W. E. Bullard; toast-master, F. P. Palmer; base ball manager, F. Little; foot ball manager, D. M. Doherty; manager of track athletics, Benj. Burtiss.

The Philomathean literary society recently elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Sloat, '94; vice-president, Beckwith, '94; secretary, Morris, '96; treasurer, W. A. Johnston, '95; judicial bench, chairman, Van Busekom, '94; Pemberton, '95; Ames, '96; executive committee, Bayles, '95, and Hall, '96.

The first prizes in the coming handicap meet will be valued at from \$4 to \$8; the second prizes at from \$3 to \$5, and the third prizes at from \$1 to \$2. All together they will amount to about one hundred dollars. For first place, gold pen holders, silver goblets, opera glasses, pretty alarm clocks, silver cuff

boxes, silver ink stands, etc., will be given. For second, silver pencils, paper weights, shoe horns, blotters, etc.; and for third, silver match cases, stamp boxes, ink stands, etc. All the prizes are silver or silver trimmed. They are elegant and are also very useful. The prizes have been on exhibition at the trophy room for the past two days, and can now be seen in the window of Marks and Krank on State street.

Alumni Allusions.

'80. Prof. B. H. Ripton was last week elected president of the Schenectady Sunday School union.

'69. Hon. Martin Schenck has been nominated by the Democrats for State Engineer and Surveyor.

'73. Dr. Wm. T. Clute acted as chairman of the Democratic County convention held in this city Oct. 1st.

'88. Rev. John E. Winne, of Kingston, N. Y., spent a portion of last week visiting friends at the college.

'80. Robert J. Landon headed the Schenectady delegation to the Republican State convention at Syracuse.

'65. Hon. Daniel N. Lockwood was chosen temporary chairman of the Democratic State convention at Saratoga, last week.

'84. Charles B. Templeton was among the prominent Republicans from Albany who attended the Syracuse convention.

'82. William Gifford was a prominent candidate for State Engineer and Surveyor on the Republican ticket at Syracuse last week.

'54. Hon. A. A. Yates was a candidate for State senator in the 20th senatorial district, but allowed his name to be withdrawn in favor of Senator Donaldson of Saratoga.

Hon. Charles T. Saxton, L.L. D., an honorary chancellor of Union University, was renominated last week by the Republicans of the 28th senatorial district of this state, for State senator. Mr. Saxton's nomination, we

are pleased to note, is equivalent to an election.

'84. Mr. H. V. N. Philip, a member of the law firm of Chanler, Maxwell & Philip, New York, who spent the summer on important patent work in Germany, has been delegated to read that government's paper at the international patent congress now in session at Chicago. This paper was to have been read by Carl Pieper, the highest authority on patent law in Europe. This is certainly an honor to Mr. Philip and to his alma mater.

'51. The Charleston, S. C., *News and Courier* of the 21st of last month gives an extended account of the sermon delivered by Rev. Chas. S. Vedder, D. D., L.L. D., upon his return to that city. The *Courier* prefaces its report of the doctor's discourse with the following paragraph:

The services at the Huguenot church were resumed yesterday, after the summer interval. The church edifice had escaped unscathed from the cyclone, and although most of the congregation are still absent from the city, the attendance was good and the interest great. The pastor's theme was suggested by the time, and recalled the significance of the return of a people to their cherished house of worship, and the duties implied by it. His text was from Psalms xxix, 9: "In His Temple doth every one speak of His glory."

'43. The Troy *Daily Times*, in its issue of September 30, devotes a column to the admirable life of a well-known resident of Troy, Henry G. Ludlow, inventor of the Ludlow valve, helper of industrial progress and friend of all charities. The *Times* says:

Henry G. Ludlow, whose kindly face, presented in to-day's *Times*, is known to many of our readers, is a man of well-known probity of character. For many years he has been prominently identified as one of Troy's leading citizens in movements for the city's growth and advancement, not alone as a business man but also as a philanthropist whose thought has been for the furtherance of those forces which advance a community through the medium of education and moral culture. He is especially well known, not only in this city but in other cities and countries, as the inventor and manufacturer of the valves which bear his name and the manufacture of which has

given birth to the Ludlow valve manufacturing company.

Henry Gilbert Ludlow was born in Nassau, Rensselaer bounty. His father was Hon. Samuel B. Ludlow, at one time presiding judge of Oswego county. Mr. Ludlow's father was also at an earlier period the editor and proprietor of the *Philadelphian*, a religious paper printed in Philadelphia. He died at the age of ninety-two years.

Henry G. Ludlow received his early education in Oswego, whither his father had removed. From the schools in that place he went to Union college, where he graduated with honor in 1843. His father also received his education at that institution.

OUR LECTURE COURSE.

The following clippings from the New York *Advertiser* and Albany *Argus* explain themselves :

THE SCHENECTADY PLAN.

Union College deserves credit in endeavoring to regain the ancient honor she enjoyed before bad management discredited that institution, but a serious blunder has been made in sandwiching in its winter lecture course a number of people more notorious than celebrated. It is a palpable bid for newspaper notoriety and is reprehensible as a precedent.

Hitherto the campus of the American university has been the one place that buncombe and pretense found uncongenial, and to which they were not admitted. Clever politicians and charlatans in all walks of life can buy or work their way into art, church and society, but the cultivated groves of learning have hitherto been sealed to them.

The journalists and several other speakers on the list who are educated men, or who have a worthy and dignified mission to the young men at Schenectady, will do and receive honor. Mr. Wanamaker and Mr. Carnegie, for instance, will doubtless prove interesting contributors to the course; but the men temporarily before the public, silver cranks, rush-light statesmen, are patently summoned as curiosities to draw a crowd. Mr. Croker is fully as eligible to lecture at Union College as Mr. Bourke Cockran; indeed, what the former might say about the political system would be of cardinal moment.

The Schenectady Plan is cheap business. More than one magazine has lost caste and influence by seeking conspicuous instead of able contributors to its pages. Union College is doing what it can to justify the British criticism that American life in all its ramifications is a mass of shams.—[*N. Y. Advertiser*.

THE UNION COLLEGE PLAN.

Union college has been singled out for criticism by a contemporary because it has secured as lecturers

some men more prominent for their vagaries or mental bents than for their solid attainments and dignity. It is said that men have been selected whose discourses will create newspaper notoriety and advertise the college. We seriously question this last statement. We have seen the list of lecturers printed by the faculty of Union college, and while we are quite certain that some of the men are known better because of their peculiarities than because of their especial knowledge, we do not admit that they were secured primarily or secondarily to give Union an adventitious character among our institutions of learning.

What are colleges for if they are not to give young men a liberal education? And how is a liberal education to be obtained if liberal means are not used to secure it? Young men of normal intellect cannot be mentally or morally contaminated by listening to the discourse of an unsound thinker.

The New York *Commercial Advertiser*, whose criticisms we have in mind, summarizes its complaint in these words:

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COLLEGE WORLD.

Engraved on his cuffs
Were the Furies and Fates,
And a delicate map of the Dorian states,
And they found in his palms, which were hollow,
What is frequent in palms,—that is, dates.

—University.

Cornell university celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary this month.

There are 430 colleges in the United States with 122,593 students in attendance.

The seniors of Lafayette have voted to wear caps and gowns during their senior year in college.

The first college paper was published at Dartmouth in 1800. It was called the Gazette.

An annual prize of \$60 is to be given at Dartmouth, to the student of the athletic team standing highest in his studies.

The United States spent last year \$155,000,000 for education, or more than twice as much as France and Great Britain combined.

The new Yerkes telescope, belonging to Chicago university, has attracted much attention in the Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building at the World's Fair.

The Sigma Chi fraternity has re-established its chapter at Lehigh university. With the reorganization of this chapter, Sigma Chi has forty-five chapters and a membership of nearly 5,000.

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Sum things he wisht to learn,
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But furriners?

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But furriners?

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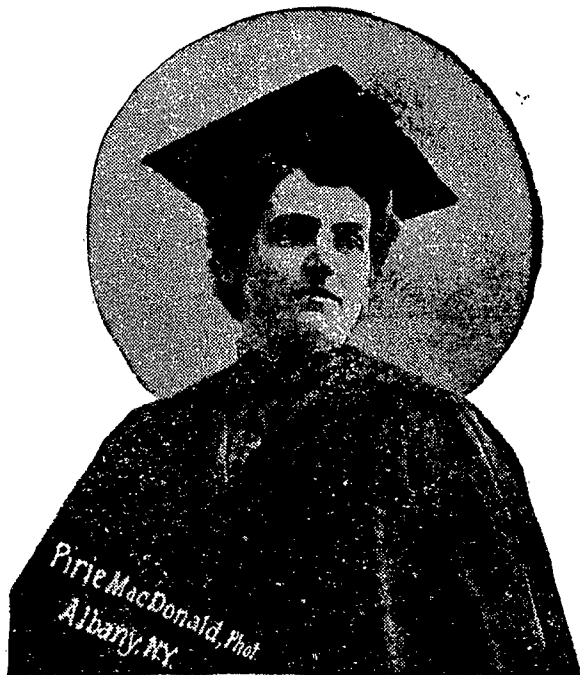
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