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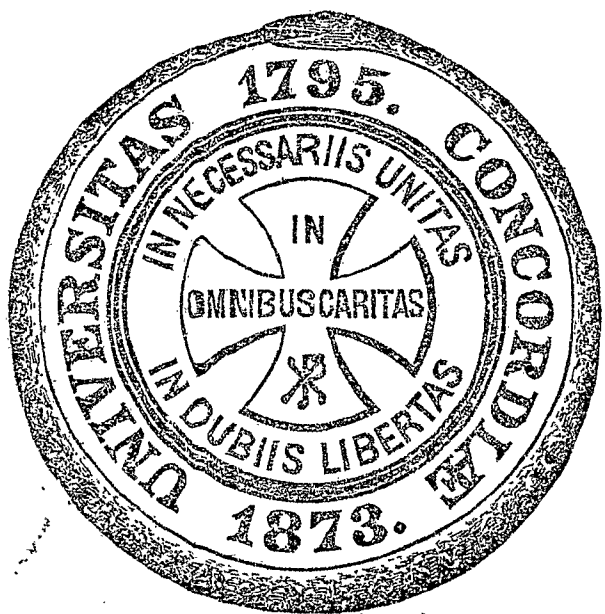
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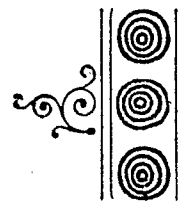
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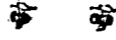
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## COLLEGE YEAR BEGINS.

### Impressive Ceremonies are Held in the Chapel.

The formal opening of Union college occurred Thursday morning when the first chapel exercises were conducted, President A. V. V. Raymond presiding, assisted by Dean Benjamin H. Ripton. There was a large number of students present, the incoming class being especially strong.

The seniors occupied their customary places at the left of the chapel, the juniors on the lower left hand side, the sophomores the middle and the freshmen the right hand side. A number of members of the faculty were seated in the front part of the room. A few of the younger alumni were also in attendance.

The services began with the singing of a hymn, followed by the reading of the scriptures and prayer by President Raymond, after which he addressed the students, giving them a cordial welcome and extending best wishes for a prosperous year to all.

Dr. Raymond in his remarks alluded to the delightful times which the student body was passing through, trusting that the affairs which were now absorbing the attention of the undergraduates would give way to weightier matters.

"Sooner or later," he said "you will find that there is something more in life than a college career before you and you must train yourself to meet this future.

"Strive after intelligence," he continued. "This is what the college tries to give and if you are men you will make your work serious, but if you are boys you will amount to nothing more than good fellows. Together with intelligence, seek ability to concentrate energy on some task until that task is accomplished,

for it is the men that apply themselves to their work, that accomplish things in the world."

"The most important of all is that you have character, a devotion to right. Let nothing lead you to sacrifice your integrity. Have the power to do right at all times and under all circumstances. The great problems of the age cannot be solved without intelligence, concentration and integrity, so that it devolves upon you as young men soon to enter the strife of the world to reach after these requisites. If, after all, you should fail, lay not the blame upon the college, but upon yourself."

## 1906.

The entering class this year is one of the largest in several years and shows promise of being a very good one. It gives us pleasure to print the names of about seventy who have registered.

### CLASSICAL COURSE (A. B.)

Bissell, Charles Frederick	-	Elmira
Christopher, William Bradt	-	Schenectady
Classen, Philip Luke	-	Albany
Cook, Harry	-	Albany
Hagar, Paul Jonathan	-	Plattsburgh
Heacock, Leander Franklin	-	N. Tonawanda
Lamont, Hugh Lodge	-	Valatie
Lawrence, John Joel	-	Schenectady
Lundgren, Victor Olaf	-	Schenectady
Reed, Byron William	-	Olean
Sutherland, George Lewis	-	Fort Plain
VanZandt, DeWitt Clinton	-	Schenectady
Wellman, Walter Fanstone	-	Schenectady
Wright, Joseph Thatcher	-	Pulaski

### LATIN-SCIENTIFIC COURSE (PH. B.)

Brown, Joseph Hawley	-	Unadilla
Cozzens, George Rodger	-	Saratoga
Davis, Ernest Willis	-	Schenectady
Harris, Rosslyn Philip	-	Delanson



Hitt, George Walter	. . .	Unadilla
Imrie, Daniel Ferguson	. . .	Caldwell
Mead, Paul Alonzo	. . .	Schenectady
Miller, Floyd Leslie	. . .	Fort Plain
Orton, Zenas VanDusen	. . .	Northampton
Sawyer, Charles Robert	. . .	Cherry Valley
Sawyer, Dwight Milton	. . .	Cherry Valley
Zimmer, Meade LaFayette	. . .	Gallupville

## SCIENTIFIC COURSE (B. S.)

Blake, F.	. . .	Brooklyn
Brodrick, Charles Barton	. . .	Elkhart, Ind.
Gilmore, J. Elmer	. . .	Watkins Glen
Lewis, Leon Roy	. . .	Gilboa
McClenthen, Herrick	. . .	Jefferson
Mooney, Joseph	. . .	Schenectady
Parker, Ralph Chandler	. . .	Batavia
Rider, Lorenzo	. . .	Bath
Schenk, Gilbert VanEverat	. . .	Albany
Schieffalein, George	. . .	Cornwall
Waldron, Charles Newman	. . .	Detroit, Mich.

## ENGINEERING COURSE (B. E.)

Barnes, Lee VanRansom	. . .	Clyde
Beers, LeRoy	. . .	Schenectady
Casler, Melvin David	. . .	Johnstown
Chadwick, Grant Wilcox	. . .	Luzerne
Chapman, Arnold G.	. . .	Albany
Cleeves, Edward Warren	. . .	Salisbury Mills
Closson, Edgar Stone	. . .	Gloversville
Dann, Ernest Montgomery	. . .	Downsville
Durler, Victor Henry	. . .	Schenectady
Dwight, Charles Stevens	. . .	Columbia, S. C.
Gibbons, John	. . .	Dormansville
Haight, Henry Nelson	. . .	Fishkill
Hall, George Francis	. . .	Albany
Hamilton, George Reginald	. . .	Princess Anne, Md.
Holleran, Leslie Gilbert	. . .	Hadley
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O'Donnell, John Aloysius	. . .	Salem
Peebles, John Bradley	. . .	Petersburg, Va.
Peebles, Leighton Hartwell	. . .	Petersburg, Va.
Raymond, Samuel Johnston	. . .	Buffalo
Reeder, ElRoy Shibley	. . .	Binghamton
Reeder, LeRay Thompson	. . .	Binghamton
Sherman, Raymond Derrick	. . .	Melrose
Sherman, Stanton Cole	. . .	Salem
Stoney, William Edmund	. . .	Pinopolis
Sylvester, Harry Adelburt	. . .	Schenectady
Webb, John Gibbon	. . .	Charleston, S. C.
Weier, Nelson Philip	. . .	Lyons
VonDannenberg, Carl Otto	. . .	Stapleton, S. I.

## Y. M. C. A. GIVES A RECEPTION.

## Much Interest is Shown in the Annual Function Which Occurs in Silliman Hall.

The annual reception given by the Y. M. C. A. to the freshman class was held Friday night in Silliman hall. Nearly all of the freshman class and most of the other students, the faculty and clergymen of the city were present.

After giving the men an opportunity to meet each other and chat, short talks were given on topics of interest to undergraduates.

President Raymond opened with an address of welcome.

The next speaker was Coach Whitney, who talked of the football prospects and urged every man who had football ability to try for the team.

Captain Gulnac talked next and after laying emphasis on the remarks of Coach Whitney, spoke of the efficiency of the coach and the necessity of his receiving the support of the college.

The men present, led by the Glee club, sang some college songs and then President Pearce of the Y. M. C. A., introduced Manager Donnan of the baseball team, Editor-in-Chief Howe of the Concordiensis, Manager Peck of the musical association, who spoke in regard to the portion of the college activities which they represent.

R. C. Donnan talked of the work of the Y. M. C. A. and urged the students to support it.

The Rev. Mr. Zelig of the First Reformed church spoke to the college students in behalf of the churches of the city, alluding to the importance of the college man in church work and the necessity of his using his influence for good.

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## FRESHMEN REFUSE TO PAINT IDOL.

### Sophs Get Worsted in the First Scrap.

The freshman and sophomore classes of the college had their first fight on the campus Friday morning and the result was a victory for the freshmen. It was such a decided victory that even the sophs admitted that they had the small end.

Thursday night some freshmen put a coat of red paint on the idol, and as it is the business of the sophs to make the frosh keep it painted green, they forthwith "pinched" three freshmen to repaint it.

There were about a score of sophs and as they were taking their men across the campus toward the idol, the freshmen classes in French and geometry were excused. This was very unfortunate for 1905, for the whole bunch of frosh charged them, liberated their captives, and in about three minutes two or more frosh were very comfortably seated on each of the sophs.

This was very easy until another crowd of sophs came along looking for trouble and they got what they were looking for in scripture measure. The frosh who were occupied with the other sophs got into the newcomers and pretty soon the members of both classes were helping get the wet grass dry soaking the water up in their clothes.

It was evident that the sophomores were up against it, though, for they were outnumbered and outweighed. It must be said though that the sophomores, in spite of the odds against them, fought with the valor born of desperation, and never stopped till they had some big frosh seated on them.

The freshmen were handicapped because they did not know each other nor could they tell the sophs from the frosh. Indeed, several times two freshmen were found very industriously scrapping and it took a lot of persuasion to separate them.

The sophs that were walked on the most were the men who have been the most prominent in the hazing. Every frosh had his eyes on them, and also the rest of anatomy most of the time.

After about 15 or 20 minutes of scrap, the upper classmen out of pity for 1905 and to keep that class from being exterminated, pulled the frosh off and made them go home, leaving the disgruntled sophs to get their breaths and to talk mournfully of how they had each been overpowered by at least five freshmen.

## REMODELLING OF SOUTH COLLEGE.

Owing to the financial support of the alumni given to the college, our dormitories in South College have been so renovated that we may now feel that old Union possesses as fine a building of dormitories as any other college of its size in the country. The old hall floors, which had stood the test of time for many, many years, have been replaced by concrete ones: the old inner walls have been so renovated that they now have an entirely new coat of plaster: the inconvenience of stoves in each room has been overcome by steam heat, and oil lamps as necessary lights are things of the past. Each suite of rooms has hard wood floors, and a bath has been placed on each floor. The traces of long ago have however, to a certain extent, not been removed, and upon looking around at the wood work, we cannot but be reminded by initials, numerals and Greek letters, of those who have left the college decades ago. From outside appearances South College looks as it did when Dr. Nott was our president, and no one can fully appreciate the change which has taken place unless he himself sees it.

Honesty, truthfulness and industry are prime factors in the success of life. Men who possess these are always in demand.



### MUSICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Glee Club was organized Wednesday afternoon in the chapel. For a short time the chorus will be carried along to enable Mr. Stremple to become better acquainted with the voices. The names of the successful candidates for the Glee Club chorus will be published next week.

The Mandolin Club will be organized next week. Mr. McClure of Albany will be present to try the merits of all candidates. A meeting of the Mandolin Club will be held for the purpose of electing a leader for the year.

An attempt will be made to organize an orchestra. It seems very probable that there is sufficient material for such a club. All who play are requested to hand their names to the management at their earliest convenience.

Manager Peck is at work on the fall itinerary of the clubs and a good trip is anticipated. In the spring the New York trip will occur. All candidates for the clubs are reminded that a deposit of \$5.00 must be left with the manager. This is to cover and insure against all unexcused absences from rehearsals and concerts and was adopted by unanimous vote by the musical association.

### ELECTION OF EDITORIAL BOARD

Owing to the resignation of W. E. Kreusi, '03, from the position of Editor-in-Chief of the Concordiensis, for the ensuing college year, a special election was held at 11-30, Wednesday, September 17, in Silliman Hall.

The board of editors elected at this meeting is constituted as follows: Samuel B. Howe, Jr., 1903, editor-in-chief; Arthur E. Bishop, 1903, business manager; J. G. Fenster, 1903, literary editor; A. S. Peck, 1903, news editor; Raymond C. Donnan, 1903, athletic editor; W. E. Hays, medical, 1905, medical dept.; B. H. Mills, law, 1903, law department.

The associate editors and reporters are the same as elected in May.

### DEATH OF PROF. OPDYKE'S MOTHER.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Henry V. Opdyke, a beautiful woman of great nobility of character and the mother of Prof. Opdyke. Mrs. Opdyke died in Frutigen, Switzerland, on the 31st of August. This will not affect the plans of Prof. Opdyke, who is studying at Zuruck.

### VESPER SERVICE.

President Raymond preached in the college chapel on Sunday morning and gave a most interesting talk at the Vesper Service in Silliman Hall in the afternoon. At this service he based his remarks upon the story in Genesis of the visit of Abraham's servant to the house of Bethuel and his refusal to partake of the feast spread before him until he had told his errand, thus putting his master before himself, his duty before his pleasure.

After speaking of a sense of responsibility as the clearest evidence of manly worth bringing everyone who has it into fellowship with him who said "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business" "and I must work the works of Him that sent me," President Raymond made a direct and practical application of his subject to college life. Every man comes to college with a definite obligation to be fulfilled—his own development in those things which will give him power in the world and the ever-recurring question of college days is "Which shall come first, his duty or his pleasure?" Before him are spread all the enjoyments peculiar to the college world, for the most part innocent and right in themselves and appealing not only to his desire but to his need. It is not difficult to persuade himself of his right to these. Nevertheless he must choose each day whether or not he will tell his errand before he eats, whether or not he will put the serious work of college before its pleasures, and that choice is the one determining factor in his life. The right choice

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does not mean that he turns from pleasure. No student gets so much enjoyment out of college as one who has first been true to his higher mission as a student. There is no spectre sitting at the feast when he comes to it—no thought of neglect to rob his leisure hours of their best returns.

The principle of responsibility was applied to membership in the various college organizations. Membership in these organizations may be a part of the duty which a man owes to himself and to his Master, but to enter for his pleasures only, with no sense of obligation, is to fail in his trust.

A final application was made to the development of the spiritual life, the duty which every one owes to his higher nature. This must come first if men are not to be degenerate. A standard once lowered is not easily raised. The worship omitted to-day becomes difficult to-morrow. Neglect becomes a habit, till the best that life has to offer is lost.

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### CHAPEL MEETING.

The first chapel meeting of the college year was held on Monday morning. Mr. A. S. Peck presided. Mr. Hart, '05, was elected secretary pro tem.

G. W. Parker, '03, was elected to the office of secretary of the Athletic Board.

Mr. Bolles offered the motion that a campus tax of \$10 be levied on the student body, \$5 payable immediately, and the balance in installments of \$3 and \$2 at the beginning of the winter and spring terms respectively. Carried.

Manager Peck of the musical association announced that competition for the position of assistant manager is open to members of '04.

Mr. Pearce announced that the position of manager of the track team must be filled owing to the resignation of Mr. Pritchard.

Mr. Howe gave notice of the Glee Club trials.

Captain Gulnac spoke on loyalty to the football team.

Manager Gould of the football association announced that candidates for the office of assistant manager of that association should report to him immediately.

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### OFFICERS OF STUDENT BODY.

For the benefit of the entering class a list is here given of the various managers, captains etc., of the college organizations: Football Manager, N. M. Gould, 1903; Captain, James Q. Gulnac, 1903; Asst. Mgr., W. H. Guardenier, 1904. Baseball Mgr., G. W. Donnan, 1903; Captain, G. B. Griswold, 1903; Asst. Mgr., \*1904. Track Team Manager, \*1903; Captain, H. S. Pierce, 1903. Musical Association, Mgr., A. S. Peck, 1903. Leader Glee Club, S. B. Howe, Jr., 1903; Asst. Mgr., \*1904. Leader Mandolin Club, \*1904. For Concordiensis Board see editorial page

\* To be elected.

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The new Board of Editors feels heavily its responsibility. The paper will be conducted along the lines laid down in the issue of May 28th, 1902. Attention will be given to all departments of the University and to all branches of college activity. The literary side will be made more prominent under the new literary editor. For Mr. W. E. Kreusi, the retiring editor-in-chief, we wish the highest success in his future college labors. In the short time in which he has had charge of the CONCORDIENSIS he has set us a high example and is to be congratulated upon the results of his efforts.

From the alumni of Union University we bespeak support in the form of subscriptions and also of frequent contributions. No college enterprise can be successfully carried on by the sole efforts of a few men, the management. Every student in Union should take an active interest in the official publication of the student body. Now, what is meant by an "active interest?" As we

understand the expression, it means that every man in college should pay his subscription of \$2.00 for the present year to Mr. Bishop, within a reasonable time. It means that the news department be kept busy with items of interest handed in by the men; news of our alumni is always of interest, the records of class meetings, college talk, college happenings, all these should appear in this publication. Original short stories, verses, essays, etc., are earnestly solicited.

1906 The class of 1906 gives evidence of having abundant material for athletics and for the musical association, and its attention is called to the fact that each member owes Mr. Bishop \$2.00, "payable invariably in advance." This trifle satisfactorily adjusted their attention is called to page 17 of the "Freshman's Bible," where they will find the following paragraph:

"The editors of the Concordiensis are chosen annually by the Advisory Board, which consists of one member of the faculty and the editors of the preceding year. Competition for positions on the staff of this paper is open to all students. Registration for competition closes on December first of each year. From the Freshman contestants five men are chosen on the basis of work performed to serve as reporters during the Sophomore year." Then by a process of elimination the Junior and Senior boards are successively chosen. Those freshmen who desire to compete should register at once with the editor-in-chief. Notice is called to the rule passed at a recent meeting of the Board. ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHO FAILS TO HAND IN MATERIAL FOR ALTERNATE ISSUES OF THE PAPER IS LIABLE TO SUSPENSION FROM THE BOARD.

## THOUGHTS.

O Man, if thou couldst comprehend the mask that  
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Such poor ephemeral earthly toys when on the morrow  
Thy strength begins to wane. Short-sighted creature  
thou couldst not see that arm in wait for thee  
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## COACH WHITNEY.

Through the efforts of the Alumni Coach Committee Mr. Geo. S. Whitney of Cornell has been engaged to coach the football team for the coming season. Mr. Whitney has a splendid reputation in the football world. He was Cornell's star tackle in his under-graduate days and has since served as athletic director and coach for the University of Texas. Union is very fortunate in securing a man of such marked ability and experience, and whose record as a player is such a brilliant one. It remains now for the student body to turn out a lot of material, and to support every effort of our coach to build up a winning team. In short, we owe it to our alumni to show them that we appreciate their loyalty and generosity in furnishing us with the services of a coach, and one of such recognized efficiency.

The Concordiensis takes pleasure in presenting to its readers some of the references of our coach. They are as follows.

"To Whom It May Concern :

"It is with a degree of confidence resulting from five years experience in college and university athletics, that I assume the responsibility of recommending to an institution any man for the position of foot ball coach. If I am qualified by reason of having played on a university team for three years and coached a university foot ball team two years, to recommend any man as competent for the latter position, then I will say that it is with the utmost confidence that I recommend George S. Whitney, of Cornell, as such. Heretofore I have been associated with Mr Whitney on the gridiron, and since that time have with much gratification followed his record as a player, and will say that in my opinion Mr Whitney would be an efficient man for a position as coach in college or university.

"DANIEL A. REED,  
"Head Coach at Cornell."

"MR. A. L. BANKS, Texas.

Dear Sir :

"I have your letter of July 12 inquiring about Mr. Whitney. He has played foot ball at Cornell for the last four years, being on the regular team the last three years. He is a very conscientious, hard worker and knows the game thoroughly. He is also a fellow of good habits and does not use intoxicants nor tobacco. I was coach at Cornell one year when he was playing and my brother is captain at Cornell now ; so that I am well acquainted with Mr. Whitney, and believe he would make you a valuable

coach. I think you will make no mistake if you secure his services.

"Very truly yours,  
"GLENN S. WARNER,  
"Athletic Director, Indian School."

"I take great pleasure in recommending George S. Whitney to anyone in need of a first-class coach for all around athletics, viz. : track, base ball, crew, and foot ball. As a trainer for all Cornell athletic teams, I had many opportunities during the past two years of observing Whitney's work in each of the above branches and always found him a reliable and painstaking athlete ; and no matter how proficient he became in any one branch he was continually striving to improve,

A man of this stamp will always prove invaluable to any college or other association which strives to advance its athletic interests ; for he is in love with his work and it takes a great deal to satisfy him. He is a splendid specimen of an athlete, possessing one of the most symmetrical physiques I have met with in my experience of twenty years in athletics.

"Yours truly,  
"JOHN F. MOAKLEY,  
"Trainer at Cornell"

"My Dear Whitney ;

It gives me great pleasure, in replying to your recent letter, to certify to your ability as an athlete and especially to your success as a foot ball player. Your earnestness and natural aptitude in athletic sports, that was so prominently seen in your connection with the Cornell team, promises well for your success in such lines in the future, and I sincerely trust that this success may be yours.

"With kindest regards

"Yours very sincerely,

"L. M. DENNIS,  
"Prof. of Chemistry and Member of  
Foot Ball Rules Com."

With such a coach at the head of Union's athletics the outlook in football can be nothing but hopeful. And probably no coach at Union in recent years, with a new team to create, has had material at hand of so superior a quality. The men are new, but there are lots of them and they are willing to work. There have been no interruptions in practice this year such as last year hampered Coach Smith's work at the beginning of the season. Active out-door work began on Monday the 15th, consisting of catching punts, falling on the ball, etc. Before the end of the week Mr



Whitney had the men lined up in two teams, and rapidly learning defensive tactics as well as breaking through the line.

The students miss many familiar forms in the line-up, but two or three of the old Varsity players are out every day. Captain Gulnac is still found at right half. He has put on weight during the summer and fills his position better than ever before. He is a fit man to control the interests of any team. Olmsted '04 will undoubtedly be another star on this year's eleven. Those who have seen him play in the past have no fears as to the right end of the line.

Probably nothing in connection with the welfare of the team has exceeded the satisfaction that the older students have felt at the announcement that Griswold, '03, has returned to his place at old Union. He will be a tower of strength to the team wherever he plays and add a feeling of security to those who watch the eleven get ready for its first game. Bolles is another likely candidate for the line and will probably play as he did in the fall of 1899. Patton and E. King, '05, who won their football U's last season are again being tried back of the line. Mulvaney will prove a valuable full-back and Staeber, '03, is out again at end. As to where the new men will fill in it is too early to predict. The first week's practice has found Varsity and scrub men as yet undivided. Where Coach Whitney intends to play the new men will probably come out before the game with Fordham next Saturday. Our next issue will give the approximate line-up of the two teams.

Coach Whitney means business and had the men out twice on Saturday. His guarantee of impartial treatment should bring out the forty men for which he asks. No team can be built up without good practice, and that means about twenty-five men on the scrub. Let every man who expects to try for his class team feel it his duty to come out and play on the scrub. He will then be doing no more than his obligation calls for.

The schedule of games for the season of 1902, as arranged by Manager Gould, follows:

- Sept. 27—Fordham College on Campus.
- Oct. 4—Cornell University at Ithaca.
- Oct. 11—Amherst College at Amherst.
- Oct. 18—Rochester University on Campus.
- Oct. 25—Stevens Technology on Campus.
- Nov. 1—Lehigh University on Campus.
- Nov. 4—Laureate Boat Club on Campus.
- Nov. 8—West Point at West Point.
- Nov. 15—University of Vermont at Burlington.
- Nov. 22—New York University at New York.

JAMES Q. GULNAC, CAPT.  
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### Y. M. C. A.

#### Bright Prospect This Year.

The college year has opened for Y. M. C. A. with the brightest outlook the association has ever witnessed. This is due in a large measure to the size of the incoming class, an unusually large number of which have already joined. Twenty-seven men out of the class are already members, and there will probably be more later. So many Freshmen have desired to join the beginning Bible Class, that it will be necessary to divide the class into two sections. Coal, '04, will have charge of this class.

It is not due to the Freshman class alone, however, that the association is more prosperous. More interest and work is prevalent among the fellows in the other classes than had been heretofore. Much of the association's prosperity is due to Dr. Silliman, '46, through his gift of Silliman Hall, which has now been the home of Y. M. C. A. over a year. The object for which the building was intended, namely, a place where the fellows might congregate outside of recitations, seems to be more fully appreciated, and especially during these opening days has the building been of great utility. It is to be hoped that this will continue throughout the year, and that all will feel that the association gives them a hearty welcome to its home, with the co-operation of the student body,

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the efficient staff of officers will do their utmost to make this the banner year of Y. M. C. A. at Union.

### LITERARY SOCIETIES.

Even to a casual observer, there is much about the college campus to justify the name Old Union, which is such a familiar designation of the institution. But more and more as we delve into the past of our college are we impressed with the extent and glory of its history. Few facts bring this point more forcibly to our notice than an examination into the records of our two literary societies. The Philomathean Society was founded in 1793 and the Adelpic Society in 1795. Surely these two organizations in point of age should satisfy the most fastidious.

For over a century, the necessary rivalry between these two societies has furnished training for some of the foremost men of the nation. The fact that legislators and lawyers of high renown have traced their fluency and power as public speakers and debaters to the two literary societies of Union College should at least stimulate every college man—old or new—to a thoughtful consideration to the claims and opportunities of this branch of college life. He is a wise man that profits by the life and example of those who have gone before him.

Yet this is not all. Apart from the example of others, there are splendid reasons why every man should at once identify himself with one or another of these organizations.

First of all, the very fact that a man enters upon this work voluntarily—that it is not something required for his degree—gives this branch a strong claim to support. The principle of original research is becoming more and more recognized and helped on in the colleges of the country by the extension of the elective system. And while Union's electives are more limited than those of some other in-

stitutions, there is in the work of the Philomathean and Adelpic Societies a field for endeavor as original, earnest and thorough as you please.

That is a general advantage offered by the literary societies; but there are also specific ones. Among others, there is excellent training in public speaking and debate. In this day, when the duties of almost every public office call for at least a fair ability to present a subject clearly and forcibly from a platform, in this day of almost numberless organizations of more or less public character, the value—the necessity—of gaining some knowledge of public speaking is all but self-evident. No one of us, with any show of certainty, can assert that his life work will not demand just such practice.

During the struggle preliminary to the War of the Revolution, a certain Englishman accounted for the seeming impossibility of getting ahead of the colonists by declaring that nearly every man of them was a lawyer. Whether those same men would now come within the catalogue of lawyers or not, it is certain that there was among the early colonists a wonderful knowledge of public affairs. Their field of thought on subjects that concerned them in a political way was limited to their own relations with the mother country. But in this day of progress and expansion the interests of these United States are world-wide; and in so far as possible the interests of each citizen should be as broad as the nation's. It is the aim of the literary societies, by the use of live, up-to-date subjects for debate, to keep the members abreast of the times, to give them a wide outlook into all that should concern a wide-awake citizen.

Another advantage which must not be lost sight of, is training in clear, logical thinking. Debate does not consist in the mere joining of sentences, but in a process of thinking things out to their source and of putting reasons in their proper order. This faculty is gained in the more or less severe school of experience.



Training in criticising is an important item in the benefits offered by the literary societies. By 'criticising we do not mean a picking to pieces with no end in view, but rather a sincere desire to find faults where they exist with a view to their correction and avoidance. Such training is necessary if we are to profit by the mistakes of others.

So far we have considered what the literary societies can do for you. Now, what can you do for the literary societies? The answer might be briefly comprehended in the words, "Support them." But to be more explicit: First, join one of them; second, attend the meetings faithfully; third, enter heartily into the spirit of the program; fourth, don't kick when you are asked to debate, but show up and do your best; fifth, when it comes time to elect members of your debating team for the inter-society debate, vote for the men who, in your opinion, will do the best work for your society.

There is one other consideration which should bring the work of the literary societies up to the top-notch of importance this year. Last April, Union sent a debating team to New Brunswick, N. J., to take part in a debate with Rutgers. The men who represented Union were S. B. Howe, Jr., '03.; J. A. Bolles, '03; L. T. Hunt, '03; and W. H. Adams, '02, alternate. Union lost the debate; in view of the fact that this was our first experience in intercollegiate debating, there is every reason for encouragement. Sometime during the

college year, Rutgers will send a team to meet us here on our own ground. Let the work of the debating societies be earnest and vigorous throughout the year, and let the competition for places on the team be lively.

PERSONALS.

President A. V. V. Raymond preached at the services of the Union Presbyterian Church in College Chapel, Sunday, September 21st.

Mr. Philip L. Thomson, '00, left recently for Chicago, where he will act as instructor in a large preparatory school for boys.

Finnegan, '02, will enter Columbia Law School this fall.

Hawkes, '02, is in a law office in Elmira, N. Y.

"Bob" Yates, '02, is with the Locomotive Works.

Pritchard, ex '03, is with the Schenectady Railway Co.

Collier, ex '03, enters Albany Medical School.

H. J. Brown, '01, enters Yale Forestry School.

J. E. Parker, '01, has entered Yale Medical School.

Barrett, '03, has returned to College after a long Western trip.

Hoyt, '02, is with the St. Louis Car Co.

W. C. Yates, '02, is managing a ranch in Texas.

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Thebo, ex '02, is the city engineer in Salt Lake City.

Crain, '02, is at the Auburn Theological Seminary.

Fuller, '02, is attending Columbia Law School.

Gillespie, '02, and Ostrander, '02, are in the far West, following the insurance business.

Coffin, '02, is electrical engineer with the Hudson River Light & Power Co., at Glens Falls.

Neary, '02, attends Columbia Law School.

Bothwell, '02, is in business in New York.

Stiles, '02, enters Albany Law, this year.

Russum, '02, leaves shortly for Nova Scotia to engage in the lumber business.

Raymond, '02, is in business in Lincoln, Neb.

Hinman, '02, enters Albany Law School.

Hoadly, '02, is with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Cumberland, Md.

Wilson, '02, is in the test at the General Electric Co.

Small is an engineer in the subway at New York.

Woolworth, '02, is in the banking business with his father in Watertown.

Block, '02, is practising law in Albany.

Grout, '02, is with the Schenectady Railway Co.

Sands, '02, is teaching in Pennsylvania.

Metzger, '02, is preaching in Vermont.

Clute, '02, will enter the Albany Law School.

Anderson, '02, is working in Albany.

Cleveland, '02, is located in Amsterdam.

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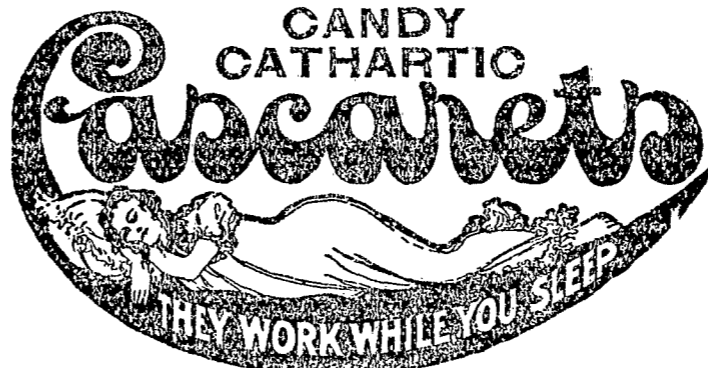
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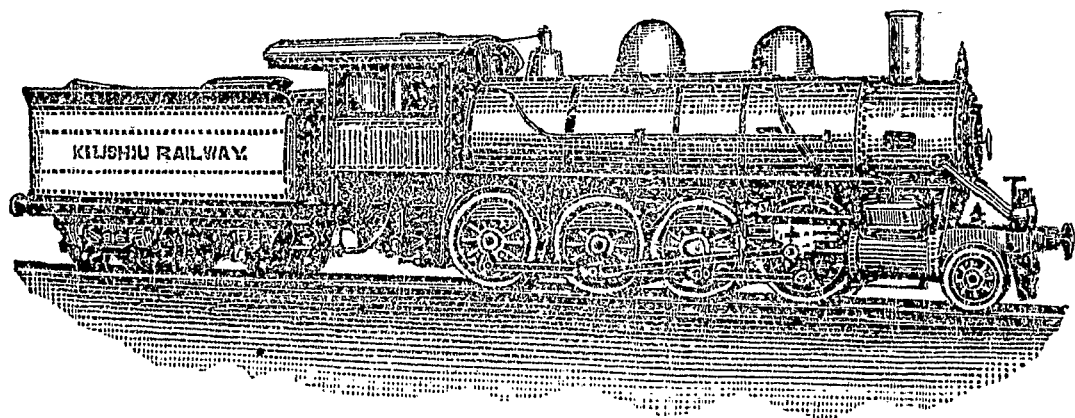
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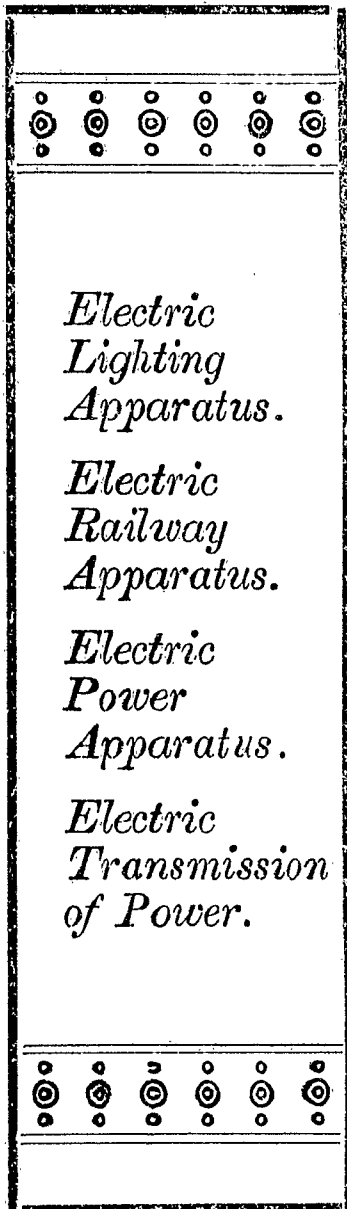


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