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THE TRAVELLER'S VISION.

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The night was wild, the lone wind howled;
The wan moon hid her silver face;
The pine trees moaned, the cedars groaned
And ghouls crept out into their place
Of meeting; while the traveller lost
His path in the gloomy forest host.

II.

As midnight shades the darksome glades
And wood-ghosts steal o'er fallen trees;
When witch-light shines o'er hidden signs,
The lonely traveller starts and sees
The vision of a staring skull and bones;
Bleached; cold and silent there among the stones.

III.

The wanderer fears, when there appears

Before his startled trembling eyes—

The bones arise as one who dies

Before his time and mournful cries

To Heaven for another taste of life,

E'en tho' 'tis mingled with all bitter strife.

IV.

The traveller speaks as one who seeks
Surcease from sorrow's weary chain;
"Tell me, oh Ghost, art thou too lost,
Hast thou then in the cold grave lain,
Is it well, oh spirit, with thy soul;
Or art thou but a twilight ghoul?"

v.

Thus spoke the shade whose speech then made
The hollow echoes sound more wierd;
"I am not dead as thou hast said,
Fear now no longer as thou feared,
A few short moments since, my face
Possessed what foolish men call grace;

VI.

But now 'tis past as when the blast Of Autumn strips the fairest flower Of bloom and life—as when a knife
Doth end some lover's happiest hour.
My life was joyous then, and now
There is no pain to make me bow."

VII.

Again It spoke; "I know you look
To find the secret of man's death,
I will not show, thou shalt not know
Until thy latest passing breath.
Be not the Tempter, not the Snake,
For only once you die—and wake.

VIII.

Fear not the grave, be not the slave
Of inward dread that killeth faith;
But live thy life in peace, not strife,
In waiting patiently for death."
The shade ceased speaking and sank down
Once more to skull and bones,—life's crown.

IX.

The wanderer wept, then sighed and slept,
As rests a tired, weary child.
At down he rose, as one who knows
Of some one waiting undefiled.
In peace of soul he went his way:
Content to die, content to live his day.

A. H. Rutledge.

CHI PSIS ENTERTAIN.

Their New Home Opened to the College.

The Chi Psi Lodge was a scene of great brilliancy Friday evening, when over a hundred guests graced the occasion of the opening of the Chi Psis' new home on the campus to the college. The lodge is especially well adapted for dancing, the ground floor being so arranged that it can be thrown entirely open,

The numerous window seats and broad staircase leading up into a spacious hall afforded ample room and gave the lodge a cozy appearance.

Gioscia of Albany furnished music and dancing was enjoyed until the early hours of morning. Doberman of Schenectady served a dainty luncheon about midnight.

Those present were: Mrs A. V. V. Raymond, Mr and Mrs W. C. Vrooman, Mr and Mrs A. E. Gregg, Mr and Mrs Jas. H. Callanan, Mr and Mrs J. T. Schoolcraft, Pro. and Mrs G. E. Talmage, Mrs Albert G. Vedder, Mr and Mrs C. B. Pond, Mr and Mrs John D. Miller, Mr and Mrs S. B. Stewart Jr., Mrs E. E. Kriegsman, Mrs J. H. Clements, Mr and Mrs Wayne R. Brown, Mrs Van G. Furman, Mrs Rider; the Misses Lewis, Strain, Kriegsman, Mary Kriegsman, Anna Kriegsman, Linn, Whitlock, Fuller, Button, Gates, Gates, Ostrom, Haight, Smith, Calhoun, Bates, Horstmann, Clements, Griffith, Pitkin, Holtzmann, Rolfe, Lawrence, Reed, Furman. From out of town-Miss Van Zandt, Sandy Hill; Miss Rose Swinnerton, Cherry Valley; Miss White, Albany, Miss Beatrice Manning, Albany; Miss Tewkesbury, Lynn, Mass; Miss Pierson, Hudson; Miss Potter, Johnstown; Miss Swart, Glenville; Miss Hawkins, Brooklyn; Miss Schuyler, Albany.

From town and college were: the Messrs W. R. Brown, T. Strong, A. F. Pitkin, J. H. Clements Jr., H. J. Brown, W. E. Brown, White, Dr Van Vranken, Dr Stone, Golden, Frank Cooper, Washington, Van Olinda, P. Vedder, John Vrooman, Ned Vrooman, Rutledge, R. Donnan, G. Donnan, Delbridge, Fiero, Lawsing, Peck, Parker, Watson, Gulnac, Palmer, Sherrill, Heath, Mullineaux, Stiles, Stebbins, Olmeast, Guardenier, Kessler; from out of town: A. H. Lawton, Glens Falls; J. Van Allen, Albany; T. H. Keogh, Albany; R. E. Bradford, Ballston; C. J. Potter, New Haven, and the following men from the active chapter, Rulison, Mc Combs,

Hoxie, Greenman, Andrews, Durant, Manning, Thomson, Hamilton, Rider, Mead and Sutherland.

R. P. I. 9—UNION 19.

The first baseball game on the campus this season was played with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute last Saturday. The day was a very disagreeable one, the prevailing high winds rendering perfect or even good playing for either side almost impossible. The game was without any particular features and was characterized by loose playing. Wirt, the R. P. I. catcher, was a very competent and steady player behind the bat. O'Brien played a good game for Union. The loss of Heath was badly felt, although Staeber played well for his first game "on the mound." Only seven innings were played. The final score was 19-9 in favor of Union. Grout, captain of last year's team, umpired the game.

THE WEST POINT GAME.

On Saturday, April 11th, the Garnet nine lined up against the strong West Point contingent. After the first few innings, the soldiers were forced to place their best pitcher, considered one of the best amateurs in the country, in the box, for Union had begun to knock the first pitcher all over the diamond. Bingham was in the box for Union and he held the soldier's down to a very few hits. The individual playing was consistently good. The score was 1-0 in Union's favor up to the seventh inning, when West Point, on a long fly, with three men on bases, brought the score up to 3-1. No more runs were made by either side, and the game ended 3—1 in favor of West Point.

Mr. R. W. Clark, '05, formerly of the Concordiensis Board, is at present on the reportorial staff of the Springfield Republican.

COLLEGE MEETING

Meeting called to order with President Bolles in the chair.

Mr. Coley speaks about Lacrosse. He says that all the larger colleges support Lacrosse teams and that Stevens and Lehigh have championship teams. Our object is to teach the Sophomores and Freshmen to handle sticks. The Mohawk Club team has been invited to play here and this is a good opportunity for a team here to learn and practice. Mr. Coley says that the Mohawk Club team has subscribed \$25 for the college team. He proposes the election of a captain and manager, the latter to arrange games, purchase sticks, etc.

Gulnac speaks in favor of Mr. Coley's proposition and moves that a manager be elected. Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Howe nominates Mr. Mulineaux.

Gulnac moves that secretary cast one ballot for Mulineaux. Seconded and carried.

Fenster speaks about the election of captain. Mr. Howe proposes that the teams elect captain.

Gulnac and Fenster speak on the same subject.

Mr. Coley, proposed for captain, desires to leave team in hands of the students.

Motion made, seconded and carried that Mr. Mulineaux take charge of the team for the present.

Motion made and seconded that the Mohawk Club team be invited to teach the college team and that their \$25 be accepted.

Mr. Donnan and Mr. Hunt discuss motion and urge the men to come out if the motion is carried. Motion carried.

Mr. Coley again speaks about the Lacrosse team and the time for practice.

Fenster speaks about the Williams-Union game Saturday and urges the men to support the team by their presence in Williamstown. He moves that each man signify his intention of going to the manager of the baseball team. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Sherrill speaks about the Junior hop, Friday night.

Mr. Parker announces the election for football manager for next Monday and speaks about the postponement of preliminary contest for oratorical debate to Thursday night. He spoke also about college spirit, especially about cheering at the baseball games.

Mr. Fiero says the 1904 Garnet will be out the last of the week.

Mr. Donnan speaks about the game Wednesday and Mr. Peck proposes that the president appoint new class leaders from the Junior class.

Gulnac thinks that Seniors should be chosen leaders. Peck's motion lost. Gulnac speaks about the subscription slips in new catalogues and eulogizes Mr. Pond's action.

Pearce speaks about track athletics and urges the men to come out as only three weeks remain before the Rutgers-Union meet.

Mr. Tillot speaks about track subscriptions and Heath proposes the singing of the Union songs at the games as well as cheering.

Collector's report. Reading of the minutes by the secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47.

DISTRICT REUNION BETA THETA PI.

The 13th annual reunion of District II. Beta Theta Pi was held with the Columbia University Chapter, on Thursday and Friday, March 19th and 20th. The feature of the reunion was the banquet tendered to three Beta Governors, B. B. Odell, Jr., of New York, John L. Bates of Mass. and Andrew J. Montague of Virginia, at the Waldorf Astoria.

During the festivities a letter of regret was read from Gov. Odell, who, on account of a recent death in his family, was compelled to decline the invitation.

About 250 were gathered in the large banquet hall.

Hon. James A. Beaver, Ex-Gov. of Penn.,

acted as toast-master. On the toast list were the following:

Gov. Bates, Boston, '85; Gov. Montague, Richmond, '82; Hon. Ledyard P. Hale, St Laurence, '76; Hobart A. Hare, M. D., Penn., '84; C. V. Holman, Harvard, '82; Rev. R. W. Courtney, Rutgers, '99; Rev. George A. Crawford, Boston, '78; Hon. James Lindsay Gordon, William and Mary, '77; Hon. Wm. D. Bynum, Indiana, '69, and Ex-Gov. David R. Francis, Washington, '70.

Among the Union graduates present were: J. T. W. Kastendieck, M. D., '87; Allen J. Dillingham, '88; Justin O. Reynolds, '94; Chas. E. Gregory, '94; Guy Vroman, '98; C. J. Bennett, '01, and L.W. Bloch, '02. Treder and Elmendorf represented the active chapter.

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL.

The Moot Court for Seniors began its session on the 16th. inst., under the supervision of Mr. Battershall, of the Faculty. The first case argued was "In the Matter of Scribner," being a controversy over the provisions of a will between the executor and a creditor of the deceased. Messrs. DeYoung & Merriman argued the case for the creditor, while Messrs. Mills & Brennan represented the executor. The Court decided the case in favor of the latter.

Delmour vs. Root, involving the disposition of the surplus moneys on mortgage foreclosure, was tried on the 16th. Minkin & Merrill were attorneys for a creditor of the mortgagor, and Charles L. McCann upheld the claims of the mortgagor and was successful in his contention.

The next case is that of Meredith vs. Peabody and will be argued April 22nd. Nimmo & Marvin for Plaintiff, Burnside and Guardineer for Defendants.

Judge Landon is suffering from a severe cold and his lectures on Evidence have been temporarily suspended. At a recent meeting of the Senior Class a Committee was appointed to inquire into the feasibility of holding class day exercises. The Executive Committee was instructed to arrange for the delivery of the Baccalaureate Sermon, and other important business was transacted.

Messrs. Mills, Minkin and Smallman, as a committee appointed for the purpose, have tendered to Judge Herrick the thanks of the class for the courtesies extended to them at the recent Knapp murder trial.

MEDICAL COLLEGE.

J. Howard Branan, '03, of Albany and Lemon Dwight Washburn, '06, of Fort Ann, were initiated into Omego Upsilon Phi on the evening of March 29th.

Charles William Stratton, '05, of Lee, Mass., has lately become a member of Phi Sigma Kappa.

On Thursday, April 22rd, final exams at the Medic will begin and will be concluded on the last day of April. Commencement has been set for May 5th.

Arrangements for the commencement exercises of the Albany Medical college class, of 1903, which will be heid in Odd Fellows' hall, Albany on the afternoon of May 5, are rapidly nearing completion. The class, which is considerably larger than last year, will contain 34 graduates. On this occasion the address to the graduating class will be delivered by the Hon. John C. Cunneen, attorney general of the state of New York.

The Alumni association will attend the 1903 class exercises and at the conclusion of the programme in Odd Fellows' hall the graduating class, alumni and faculty of the college will repair to the Ten Eyck where the balance of

the evening will be passed in feasting and making new and renewing old friendships.

Frank D. Schaible, '05, of Albany, who was operated on for appendicitis a month or so ago is rapidly convalescing.

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

The class of 1903 of the Albany College of Pharmacy held its commencement on the evening of Tuesday, March 31. The address of welcome was delivered by Dean Willis G. Tucker, M. D. and the address to the graduating class by the Hon. D. Cady Herrick, Justice of the Supreme Court. The presentation of prizes was made by Prof. Alfred B. Huested.

The address of Judge Herrick was replete with good advice and was listened to with marked attention. After he had concluded, a number of prizes were awarded as follows:first prize, \$25 to student passing best final examinations, to George A. Scott; second prize \$20 to George A. Scott, for best examination in pharmaceutical laboratory work; third prize, \$15 for best examination in microscopy to Neil W. Avery; fourth prize, \$15, to Junior student for best final examinations to William D. Thomas; fifth prize, \$15, for best examination in Chemistry of Junior year to Fred S. Heimer; sixth prize, \$10, to Junior passing best examination in pharmaceutical laboratory work to John J. Mackintosh. Frank S. Thyne, of Johnstown was valedictorian.

The following is the list of graduates:—Neil W. Avery, Cairo; Harold S. Barnes, Canton; Albert G. Blichtfeldt, Saratoga Spa.; Mary Lois Brayton, Hartford; Frederick D. Brown, Schenectady; David D. Brown, Schenectady; David E. Connery, Greenwich; Wesley J. Haig, Madrid; Howard H. Hawkins, Brushton; Walter G. Ladd, Hoosic Falls; John K. Mac Donald, Schenectady; John I. McLaughlin, Boonville; William E. Moats, Johnstown; Frank F. Peters, Schenectady; Daniel W. Rich, Eaton; Frederick N. Shutt,

Gloversville; George A. Scott, Sheffield, Mass.; Charles E. Stickler, Albany; Charles R. Sweet Millerton; Frank S. Thyne, Johnstown; Frank N. White, Albany; James R. Wright, Glens Falls.

After the commencement exercises, the members of the class and many of their friends banqueted at the Ten Eyck. Warren L. Bradt acted as toast master. The toasts responded to—"Future Union," President Raymond, of the University; "The Pharmacist in Politics," Mayor; Charles H. Gaus of Albany; "Advantage of a College Course," Theodore J. Bradley, '95; "What I Know About the Pharmacist," the Hon. D. Cady Herrick; "The Class of '03," Harold S. Barnes, '03; "Commercial Pharmacy, Seneca S. Smith, '88; "The Class of '83, Frank J. Smith, '83.

At the meeting of the Alumni Association held in the afternoon in Alumni Hall, the following officers were elected:—President, John J. A. Lyons, 1900, of Yonkers; First Vice President, George C. Hogan, '97, of Albany. Second Vice President, David E. Connery, '03, of Greenwich; Secretary, Theodore J. Bradley, '95, of Albany; Treasurer, Edwin C. Hutman, '91, of Albany; Historian, Frank Richardson, '84, of Cambridge; Historian, William E. Martin, '94, of Canandaigua.

QUESTIONS OF YOUTH.

If there be purpose in my life,

And I am on this earth to play a part,

Why, in the world's turmoil and strife,

Should I lose heart?

Why can I not judge aright,

Ere 'tis too late, what duty calls me here?

Why should I, though dim may be the light,

Not "read my title clear?"

If I should labor till the day

Which marks for me the setting sun,

Why should not a voice within me say,

"My faithful servant, 'tis well done?"

Q. E. D. '05.

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The Inter-The captain and manager of the track class Track team have arranged for an inter-class track meet this Saturday. It occurs just two weeks before the meet with Rutgers and is a last chance, or, if not the last, a very good chance, for anyone to show his athletic ability. The coach has been on the oval this week and seems to think that Union has prospects of a good team. Let everyone come out to this meet, and let those who do enter do their best and those who do not enter encourage those who do. It has been several years since Union won a track meet but if the Garnet's representatives turn out in good style, there is no reason why the meet cannot be captured from the New Jersey college this year. This is probably the best inter-class meet this year and it is an excellent opportunity for men to make their numerals, even though they think they stand no chance of making the team. One can never tell just how much he is good for until he tests his abilities to their greatest extent.

The New There is at least one feature in the Catalogue. new catalogue which is essentially new and argues great things in the future for the financial support of Union's Athletic teams, and that is the introduction of the campus tax clause under the head of regular expenses. There is no doubt that this is the only fair way of assessment. Heretofore the entering classes were somewhat taken aback when it came to the question of subscriptions for athletics, but now every man knows before he enters College that he is expected to pay a regular tax for the support of his College's athletics and no one can now offer the excuse of ignorance. In almost all other respects, except in the gratifying change in the electrical engineering de partment, the catalogue is essentially the same as last

ON RESOLUTION.

years. It is true that the paragraph relating to lectures

might be purged of facts which, to the unknowing,

would convey a false impression, but otherwise the

prospectus is a good one.

When sore beset with myriad cares,—
With disappointment,—trouble,—strife,—
The sense that all ambition's vain,
That naught is pleasure, all is pain;
That one's a fool who calmly bears
The World's derisive scorns and flouts;
What must one do?

THIS should one do.

Stand firm, be brave, cheer up, fight on!

Feel sure that Might can ne'er make Right.

Just shape your course, and keep it straight.

Be honest,—though temptation's great.

Keep a strong guiding hand upon

Yourself, and your's will be the fight!

B. H. M. (Law, '03).

A LETTER FROM TEXAS.

Editor of the Concordiensis:

It may be of interest to the readers of the Concordiensis to know some facts concerning this part of the state of Texas and the work that is being done here by the U.S. Bureau of Forestry, of the Department of Agriculture. It would be well, first of all, to explain, in a general way what Forestry is, and what the Bureau is attempting to accomplish. The Division of Forestry has been in existence some eight years as one of the divisions under the Department of Agriculture. This was the first and only real interest shown in forestry in this country, with the exception of some private individuals, as Mr George Vanderbilt at Biltmore, N. C., who had been putting into -practice methods used by German foresters, which were modified to suit American conditions. The Division of Forestry was made into a Bureau in July, 1901, and at the same time greatly enlarged. It is steadily increasing year by year in size and usefulness and accomplishing the aims of its founders, namely, to bring to the people of the United States a realization of the immense wealth they possess in their forests and, which is more important, how to care for these forests so that they may produce an annual yield for all time.

The science of Forestry in this country is as yet very young. The owners of forests, both public and private. are just beginning to realize the importance of preserving the timbersupply, both because of the material itself and the forest's influence on climate and waterflow. The countries of the old world were brought face to face many years ago with the same problem of caring for the forests that were left to them, and are far ahead of us in scientific methods of forestry, Germany probably heading the list. Forestry has been defined as scientific lumbering. It is more than that. A better definition is that it is "The art of managing forests and utilizing them for the benefit of their owners. It is not the science or natural history of woodlands; nor is it the

art of planting trees; nor that of preserving woodlands. It embraces all these things, or at least special phases of them are required in its practice."

The Bureau, in order to bring to the public mind its methods, offered a few years ago to make what is known as a "working-plan" for any lumber company or private corporation owning over a certain number of acres. This offer was accepted by a number of companies and individuals. Among the number for which working plans have been made and which have been put into actual operation are the following: for a tract in Polk and Monroe counties, Tenn., on the western slope of the Smoky Mountains, of 110,000 acres; for a tract of 60,000 acres belonging to the Okeetee Club, in Hampton and Beaufort oounties, S. C.,; for the Moose River Lumber Company in N. Y., a tract of 15,000 acres; a tract of 150,000 acres of the Great Northern Paper Company in the Northwestern part of Maine; for the Sawyer and Austin Lumber Company, of Pine Bluff, Ark., for the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tenn., on a tract of 6,000 acres, and the two large tracts upon which work is now being carried on, on the E. P. Burton tract of 72,000 acres of longleaf and yellow pineland in Berkley county, S. C. and 1,250,000 acres of yellow pine land in south-east Texas belonging to the Kirby Lumber Company.

Upon the Kirby tract there are fifty men engaged, divided into four camps. The personnel of the parties is interesting. There are college graduates from a large number of colleges and many states are represented. The entire work is in charge of an expert forester from New Jersey, a Yale graduate, who has had practical work in the most diverse of North American forests,—the Adirondacks, in the Carolinas, Maine and the Northwest, besides having had training abroad. There is an expert lumberman from Maine, a forest engineer of twenty years experience in surveying and mapping. There are college men from Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Union, Sewanee,

Butler, Cornell, Lafayette, Manhattan, Lehigh, Roanoke, Dartmouth, Amherst, Charleston, Colby, Universities of Texas and Illinois, and the following agricultural colleges; North Carolina, Iowa and Michigan. There is also a Russian, a graduate of Russian and German universities and a Belgian prince, who, notwithstanding his pedigree and length of name is a fine fellow and charming camp-mate.

The actual work consists of stem-analysis, sample-plots and valuation survey. analysis is taken upon felled trees in the following manner. Upon the level, sawn surface of the stump an average radius is drawn from the centre to the circumference. The rings, which show the age, one ring for each year, are counted, beginning at the circumference, and each decade or tenth year marked. The total age is tallied with the age of the sapwood. The distance from the center to each decade-mark is measured, to hundreths, showing the growth in diameter for each ten years. This is tallied, also the width of the sapwood and width of the bark. The tree is sawed at intervals of ten feet, and analyses taken upon each one of the sections. From this is obtained the rate of growth of the tree not only for different heights and diameters but for every ten years of its life. The total height, the actual merchantable length, the possible merchantable length and the clear length are also found. From all these figures, rate of growth and yield or volume, tables are prepared.

Valuation survey is simply a method used to ascertain the number of board feet per acre on a certain tract. Regular survey lines are run, one-half mile apart, and all trees on a strip sixty-six feet wide, the length of a surveyor's chain, are measured with a pair of calipers at four and a half feet from the ground to find the diameter. Four men ordinarily compose a crew, compass-man, tally-man and two caliper-men, one on each side, each with a space thirty-three feet wide to cover. Each measurement is tallied with the species of the tree. This method, known as the "Strip Method,"

is considered to be the best for obtaining an accurate knowledge of the stand of timber upon a tract. The tallyman is also required to observe and record directions of all streams, and other topographical notes, besides a description of the soil, ground-cover, any herbs, plants or undergrowth, and other silvacultural notes.

The principal timber here in this work is longleaf and yellow pine, forming 80 per cent of the stand. The working plan will be made with special reference to this, although other pines, loblolly and shortleaf, will be considered along with hardwoods. There is a large variety of trees found throughout this part of the State. In hardwoods are found white, cow, chestnut and black oaks, on the slopes, with laurel, live, willow, pin, and water oak in the flats. There are also hollies, two kinds, magnolia, bay, black and sweet gum, ash, white and blue beech, and on the river bottoms and bayous fine cypress.

The climate of Texas is unique, both as to its variability and range, owing in a great measure to the size of the state. No one can foretell what the weather will be two hours hence. The sun may rise in a cloudless sky, the air warm and pleasant, almost tropical, before noon a "Norther" may be raging, while by night it may be warm and pleasant as May. Strange to say, notwithstanding the variety of temperatures, the vegetation is largely that of semi-tropical climate. Palms grow luxuriously in every swamp, or "bay-gall" Spanish moss swings in long, graceful festoons from the trees, magnolias and live-oaks are everywhere. Tropical insects and reptiles abound, on the warm days. Chameleons, tarantulas, centipedes, scorpions, moccasins, and rattlesnakes can be seen without looking very diligently. 'Tis a common occurrence while sitting around the camp-fire at night to see a centipede some six or eight inches in length, crawling slowly toward the fire. Tarantulas and scorpions may be found by simply turning over any decayed log, and chameleons can be seen sunning themselves on every other stump.

Mosquitoes, it is needless to say, are quite plentiful and of prodigious size and ferocity, even rivalling the noted Jersey species, the malarial fever variety being numerous. Dr A. D. Hopkins, of the U. S. Division of Entomology was here for a few weeks in November collecting specimens of the Texas mosquito. He obtained an ample supply.

The game in this part of the State is quite good; white-tailed deer, black bear, and bobcat are found; while smaller game, turkey, hares, quail and wood-cock are very plentiful.

The people with whom we come in contact are of the humbler walks of life, lumbermen, ranchers, farmers, most of them descendants of the original settlers in the state. Their surroundings, mean and lowly, yet we have always found them kindly, friendly, very hospitable and good-natured. They are proud of their state, in their way, and well they may be, for Texas is the largest and one of the richest states, only waiting to be developed and opened up, which is being done rapidly.

John D. Guthrie; '02.

Kirbyville, Texas. March, 1903.

A STORY OF " AUMIE."

It was a beautiful night in the latter part of June during commencement week, while sitting with my uncle on the "jolly old seat of stone" in front of North College, that my uncle told me the following story. We had refilled our pipes, and after he had puffed a few minutes in silence he began, more as if thinking aloud the old memories recalled by the gray walls in front of us, now softened in their ruggedness by the silver moonlight, than actually telling me a story.

remember it! Yes, there are the stone steps, hollowed and worn smooth by the tread of generations of students. How often I have seen her toil up those same steps with pail and

broom—but this is wandering. It was early fall, just after recitations had begun. I had bolted chapel one morning and was lazily unpacking some pictures I had brought from home for my room. Among them was one of myself, taken in a Scotch Highlander's cos tume, which I had worn in an amateur play at home. I was quite a broad-chested fellow in those days and didn't make a half bad Scotchman. I had spread the pictures out on my study table and was looking around the room to select a good place for them when I heard a rap at my door. I knew immediately, who it was, it was 'Aumie.' She had come to 'rid' up my room as she called it. It had been her duty for years to look after the students' rooms. She was a dear old Scotch lady with a bent form and lagging step; but her pleasant smile and kind 'guid mornin,' was a genuine pleasure to many a fellow who was inclined to the blues on a dull gray morning. Aumie had begun to sweep up the scraps of paper which I had packed between my pictures, and I was tacking up some of them with my back turned toward her, when I heard her utter an exclamation of mingled joy and pain. Turning around I saw her looking intently at my picture in the Scotch costume, her knotted hands working convulsively as they grasped the broom handle.

'What's the matter Aumie'? I asked, thinking perhaps she was ill.

She sat down before she spoke, trembling violently.

'It gae me sic a start. I thocht it wur my Charlie. But nae, nae, it canna be. I ken well noo, 't is ther Maister Culloden. It lookit as he did before he went awa'. He was a bonnie laddie my Charlie. The last time I saw heem he wur dressit like that,' she said, pointing with a trembling finger to the picture on the table. 'I ken werl the time he cam to bid me guid bye. 'Twas in the gloamin' an' I wur glad for he couldna see the tears that would come in my een. For a long time we hearkit to the creekit's chirrup, an' I cude hear the tap, tap of the honeysuckle agin the

lattice as the night-wind cam sighin' over the brae. At last Charlie took me in his arms an' slippit this ring on my finger, and as she spoke she turned back and forth on her finger a plain gold band, worn thin and dull with years of toil.

'An' then I knew he wur greetin', for his cheeks wur damp like mine. An' then he went awa'. Her voice had sunk almost to a whisper, and she was rocking gently to and fro.

'He ne'er cam back, my Charlie. Over an' over again hae I stuid by the lattice, wi' the honey suckle tappin' my face, waitin' for him, him, listenin' for him as of auld when he nsed to come singin' over the brae'. She leaned forward and spoke in a low, mysterious whisper, as if she was telling me some awful secret. 'Then they towd me he wur daid, an' that he wouldna come back again, but I couldna believe that, nae, nae. An' I listened an' listened in the gloamin,' but he ne'er cam back, nae, nae he ne'er cam back.'

Just then the bells began to ring for recitations, but Aumie did not hear them. Her dim, faded eyes did not see the room in which she sat, nor me; they saw the scenes of her youth, the fading gold of the twilight and the beloved form of her bonnie Charlie. Her ears did not hear the clang of the chapel bell, but were listening to the tap, tap of the honeysuckle against the lattice, the far away calls of night-

birds, and to the voice of her laddie as he came singing over the brae through the purple twilight. Taking up a book from the table I started for the classroom, closing the door carefully, reverently behind me leaving Aumie in her fond, sad dream of her youth and love."

Our pipes had gone out, and as we arose to go to our rooms for the night I thought I saw a gleam of unwonted moisture in my uncle's eyes.

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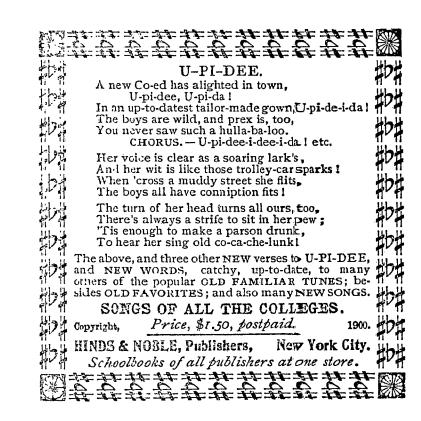
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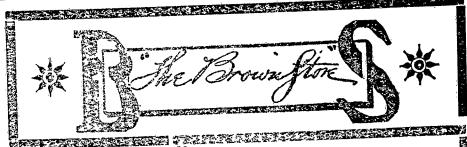
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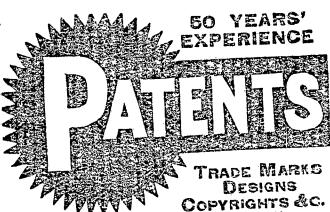


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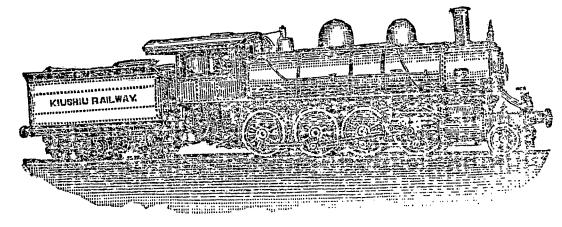


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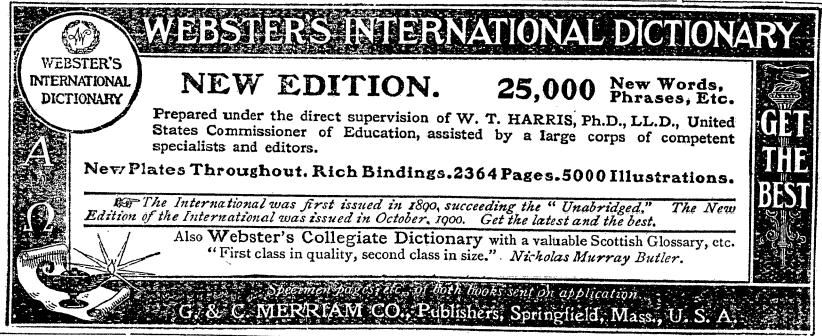
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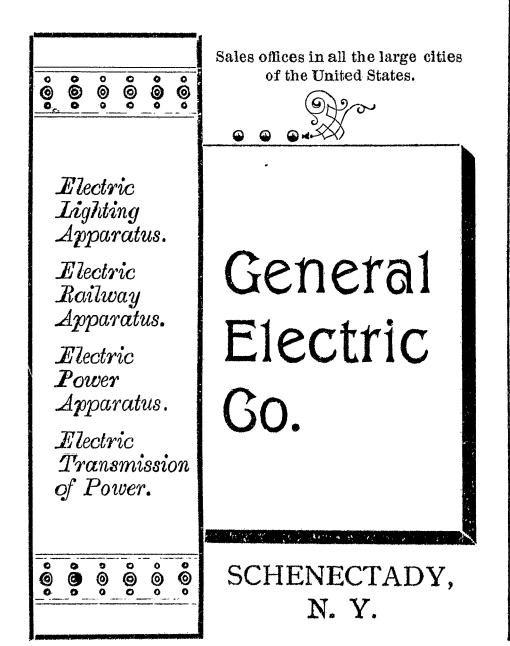
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