

ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF EDUCATION.

UNION COLLEGE, SCHENECTADY, N.Y.

An institution founded in 1795 under a charter which provides that no one religious denomination shall at any time have a majority in the board of trustees; hence the name Union. In 1812 the present site on a hill overlooking Schenectady, was secured, and in 1813 a comprehensive plan for grounds and buildings adopted. The work of Jacques Ramee, a French landscape architect who had been employed by the government in the development of the city of Washington.

Union was the first to break away from the Old World traditions and introduce new courses of study. As early as 1809 a course in modern languages was instituted. In 1828 a scientific course was established, and in 1845 a course in civil engineering was added, anticipating the demand for technical training which almost every other institution of higher education in America has since recognised. From this has developed the present general engineering department, offering courses in civil and sanitary engineering.

A spirit of tolerance in the government of students made possible the establishment of the college fraternity system. In the college world Union is designated as the "mother of the Greek letter societies.

In 1895 an electrical course was added to the other courses in the engineering department, and in 1902 this course was greatly extended and thoroughly organised as a special department. By arrangement with the Gen. Elec. Co. whose plant is in Schenectady, the college has such special advantages for students in electrical science as cannot be offered elsewhere.

Four courses are offered: the classical course, requiring Greek, leading to the degree of A.B.; the Latin-Scientific course, offering additional work in history and modern languages in place of Greek, leading to the degree of Ph.B.; the scientific course, emphasizing the work in mathematics and science, leading to the degree of B.S., and the engineering courses, leading to the degree of B.E. the postgraduate degrees of M.A. and M.S. are conferred upon graduates of the college on the completion of approved work and theses in course.

Union University, which was incorporated in 1873, includes Union College and the Albany Medical College, the Albany Law School and the Dudley Observatory in Albany.

The President of Union College is Chancellor of the University.