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Hebrew Union College Monthly, 1937.

If your name ^{was not} ~~was not~~ Silver I could not account for your imminent ^{state} ~~letter~~ ^{to} which you express amazement at my failure to answer your several communications. A Silver should know better... ~~from~~ letters answer themselves if allowed sufficient time. ^{I have} ~~never resorted to~~ ^{never resorted to} ~~the dictum: Don't @#!% it.~~ ^{Why} should a Silver ^{have to} answer every body? ... ~~What am I, a~~

So you are going to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the A.U.C. Monthly. Why? Are you acquainted with all the literary horrors which the Monthly has perpetrated upon its readers, ^{generally} ~~permanently~~ few and mostly unpunished, since it first issue? ^{I have long} ~~since~~ ^{and most} ~~repented~~ ^{repented} the sins for which I was ^{generally} ~~responsible~~ during the first year of the ~~the~~ publication. Are you sufficiently repentant? and the long line of editors from Silver to Silver, each in his day labour and both with - a Monthly! Should ^{we} ~~you~~ fear not rather "how damn an heave as a bookish" (what an appropriate term for an editor) and spread sack cloth and ashes under us (what a suggestion for an editors chair!...)

So turn the files and see the rich treasures of golden emeralds and golden mice ^{which} ~~which~~ the underproducers who suffered from poet descriptions by names thus "Wellsauzy" filled the columns, the Monthly! So there any contributor who offered his first-fruits to ^{I and was accepted} ~~the~~ magazine, who did not, ten years later, even the day that his ~~fruits~~ ^{fruits} saw the light of day ~~and~~ ^{that} but his knuckles, and lament the fact that ~~the editor had not~~ ^{he had not} ~~carved out the~~ ^{carved out the} ~~unfavourable~~ ^{unfavourable} prescribed for the ~~fruits~~ ^{fruits} of the first fruit - "thou shalt put it in a basket..."

And speaking of the underpaw, what, the Faculty, who
dropt into the ^{hopper} ~~hopper~~ ^{hopper}, our Monthly, what was
not print for the wall of a real publication! And the
Alumni, how often they ^{did} ~~unvalued~~ ^{"nefel tamini"} ~~sermons~~ ^{on us, disguised as} in the guise of
essays, ^{seeking} ~~made~~ ^{employing} ~~the~~ ^{their - words} ~~warrant~~ of fort - votes to cover
their ~~weaknesses~~... (the ~~hopper~~) And the wids, and the bats
of the tower which we with - and the pious & ^{wholes} ~~we~~
published - what a tinkling they made, with their flat feet...
And all the other literary pullets and crevices and perches
of the sons, the daughter, the Zion in their Monthlies... and
the portraits each year, the ~~praises~~! Was it all the Lord
who looked down from Heaven ^{upon them} ~~And~~ ^{and} ~~sunk~~? ..

And you want to be ~~perpetrated~~ ^{perpetrated} as 25 years
this? And you, a ~~lover~~! I founded the paper so as to
have a place wherein to publish a few articles, ^{which} ~~which~~ ^{other} ~~other~~ ^{magazines} ~~had~~ ^{refused} ~~refused~~ (I ~~created~~ ^{created} ~~them~~ ^{then} ~~then~~ ^{now}). I ~~had~~ ^{had} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~consequently~~ ^{consequently} I allowed
a few ~~other~~ ^{my fellow students} ~~seriously~~ ^{seriously} ~~intended~~ ^{intended} to print their ~~rejected~~ ^{rejected}
stuff to give the impression of ^{aggressive rather than} ~~broad-mindedness~~ ^{and}
~~the~~ ^{they} never intended to establish a ~~have~~ ^{the} ~~mag-~~ ^{mag-} ~~azines~~ ^{azines} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~me~~ ^{me} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~editor~~ ^{editor}. I ~~felt~~ ^{felt} ~~very~~ ^{very} ~~cruelly~~ ^{cruelly} ~~abused~~ ^{abused}
when you after you the Monthly ~~main~~ ^{main} ~~kept~~ ^{kept} on
appearing - under editors who had ~~taken~~ ^{taken} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~me~~ ^{me}
from me without my consent, and outplayed me
at my own game..

In my day, 25 years ago, there were at the college many
who could not discern between their right hand and
their left, and also much cattle - so that I could
~~get away~~ put through my scheme without much
difficulty.



"Whoso keepeth the py-tree shall eat the fruit thereof." You've
got the py-tree, now, brother Silver. Be that I congratulate you
with "Yashukus"... as one Silver to another.

all M.

