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## The Hobart Game.

Former scores:—

1900 Hamilton 39	Hobart 0
1901 Hamilton 23	Hobart 0
1902 Hamilton 18	Hobart 6
1903 Hamilton 16	Hobart 0

The football team plays Hobart College at Geneva this afternoon. The men have all recovered from the effects of the hard game with Williams last Saturday and are now in shape to show Hobart the fine points of the game.

We all remember the exhibition of football on our campus last year, and it is needless to say that today's game will be interesting in more ways than one.

Hobart has an especially strong team this year and is looking forward to a victory. In view of these facts the game will be hard and fast, but there is no apprehension as to the final outcome.

## Library.

Of the new volumes which have been added to the Library this term thirty-five are reference books on New York State; two are on Japan; twenty five are for those interested in the study of German; fifteen relate to history; several are books of verse and many miscellaneous. The Library subscribes to about twenty-four magazines and weeklies. This addition will be of valuable assistance to thorough study in the Library.

## Mandolin Club.

Leader Stowell, '05, called the first meeting of the Mandolin Club on Thursday evening. About twenty men responded to the call and an interesting practice was held. A good delegation from the Freshman class were in attendance and, from all appearances, the club will be a worthy successor to our former string organizations. An excellent schedule is being arranged by Manager Wright, '05, and consequently it is worth the time of every man to do his utmost to make this club.

## Recitals.

During the month of November the College will be welcomed to a series of informal recitals of violin and organ music. They will be rendered by Prof. A. P. Saunders and Mr. John G. Clark, '07, on each Wednesday of the month in the Chapel. Each recital will begin promptly at five o'clock and will last about three-quarters of an hour. It is very seldom that the fellows are offered such a treat and all of us should encourage such an undertaking by being present at some, if not all, of these recitals. Prof. Saunders is an artist upon the violin, and Mr. Clark's daily playing stands forth as an exponent of his ability upon the organ. The time selected for these recitals is well suited to all. With no football to attend, and with the usual half holiday upon Wednesday, a good sized audience should be present at each recital.

## U. F. A. vs. Auburn High School.

As there is no College game on Steuben Field this afternoon, the management of football has arranged for a contest between teams from Utica Free Academy and the Auburn High School.

Each team is strong in its section of the state and the game should be a fast one. Every man should be out on the field to give the prep. school players an idea of what College spirit is. Cheers should be given for each team and impartial interest shown.

In this way we shall win more men for Hamilton and increase the interest in the College of the respective schools. To be sure we do not advertise for students, but such an occasion as this gives us an opportunity to make men want to come here of their own accord, without the exercise of any outside force.

Once again, let every man be out just as he would if it were a College game.

A charter of Phi Beta Kappa has been granted to Smith College.

## The Williams Game.

The result of the game at Albany was certainly a disappointment, but we have every reason to be proud of the science and grit of our team. The team was well supported by that part of the College which was allowed to leave the Hill, as well as by that portion of the faculty which was able to. The fellows yelled and sang throughout the game, to the humiliation of the Williams cheering corps, and particularly impressive was the wind-up before the club house while the team was undressing.

The game was well supported by Albany people, the crowd being estimated at sixteen hundred. It seemed to be a Hamilton crowd. We have not at our command the exact figures, but it is rumored that the management made considerable money for an out-of-town game.

The first eighteen minutes of play did our hearts good. The team played with a fire and science that offset their lack of weight; Williams' heavy line was punctured at every point, her mass plays thrown for losses. And then that fumble! It looked like a sure touchdown with the Purple on the run. It was when those heavy mass plays wore down our defence that the team showed its pluck, and though unable to withstand the fierce assault it struggled gallantly in the last ditches. Our grand rally in the final moments of play when we tore through Williams' defense for long gains, threw back their plunges and fought the winning team to a standstill, was remarkable and splendid.

Captains Speh and Watson led their teams well. Both were in poor condition and received frequent injuries. Watson's punting and Speh's defensive play were both features of the game. Hamilton's ends outplayed Williams' just as the purple was too strong for us at the tackle positions. Marshall and Murray were the particular stars of the Berkshire aggregation. Hamilton's



backfield by common consent played, collectively and individually, brilliantly. We don't pretend to be a critic, but judging from sideline sentiment, if any man played a good, hard, all-round game, that man was Nellis.

Well, to the game: Watson kicked to Sicard; he passed to Bramley who came back to the 25-yard line. Mann hit center on the first play of the series, Bramley skirted Williams' right end for 15 yards. Mann, Stowell and Haggerson by splendid line bucks and plays outside of tackle carried the ball to mid-field. On a play around tackle Stowell got clear for a run of 30 yards, being tackled by Waters. The Hamilton section went simply wild. Mann bucked center for about 10 yards. Haggerson and Stowell made a couple of short gains and then came our unfortunate fumble on Williams' 15-yard line. Watson punted 45 yards outside. Hamilton made some 20 yards by hard line bucking. Williams got the ball on downs on Hamilton's 30-yard line but lost it on a fumble at the 20-yard line. The Buff and Blue made first down. Stowell made 5 yards, Mann bucked for 5 yards, Haggerson 4 yards. Then we lost the ball on another fumble. Marshall and Watson were both downed for a loss and the Williams captain punted to "Bram" on the 10-yard line. Bramley punted to Waters. The Purple backs made but small gains and Murray was called back on a revolving mass on tackle which proved irresistible. Four yards, 15 yards, 10 yards. Watson made 4 yards on a cross buck. Murray made 8 yards again. Brown fumbled to Hemmens on Hamilton's 3-yard line. Bramley punted to Waters who was thrown back by Sicard. Williams recommenced the onslaught of heavy mass play directed outside tackle. Brown, Murray, Marshall and Watson made big gains. Murray finally scored and Watson kicked the goal. Williams 6, Hamilton 0.

Watson kicked to Sicard who made a nice run back. Hamilton's backs beat the line back for short gains, but finally lost the ball on downs. Murray, Brown and Watson made long gains on Williams' favorite play against Hamilton's desperate defense. Watson made the second touchdown and goal just before the call of time. Williams 12, Hamilton 0.

Watson kicked to Sicard. Time for the first half was called after Hamilton had made a couple of gains on line bucks.

The second half opened with several substitutes playing for the Purple and the withdrawal of Stowell, (Hamilton) who was exhausted. Branch substituted. Sicard made a fine kick-off. Williams plunged down the field again by steady gains, Hamilton resisted pluckily but the weight was against her and after some ten minutes of hard, stubborn play Murray scored for Williams. Watson goaled. Williams 18, Hamilton 0.

Watson kicked to Bramley. "Bram" made a splendid run of 30 yards before he was tackled. The Buff and Blue started off well again but Williams shortly secured the ball and renewed her attack. Hamilton made a superb stand near her goal, but in vain, Murray scored again. Hoyne failed at goal. Williams 23, Hamilton 0.

Hoyne kicked for Williams and the ball was brought back to the 25-yard line. Mann hit center for 5 yards, Bramley got loose on a quarterback run for 15 yards. Branch found a hole in the line and netted a good gain. Steady line plunges and another quarterback run brought the play to mid-field. Williams' attack failed to make any advances before call of time.

The line-up follows:

Williams 23	Hamilton 0.
	Left end.
Eider-Curtis,	LeMunyan.
	Left tackle.
Murray,	Swetman-Barrows.
	Left guard.
Bixby,	Hemmens.
	Center.
Eldred,	Nellis
	Right guard.
Eldridge-Goodwelle,	Speh.
	Right tackle.
Marshall-Johnson,	Thompson.
	Right end.
Stocking,	Sicard.
	Quarterback.
Waters,	Bramley.
	Left half.
D. Brown-A. Brown,	Haggerson.
	Right half.
Watson-Hoyne,	Stowell-Branch.
	Full back.
Judson-Wilcox,	Mann.
Touchdowns—Murray 2, Watson, D. Brown. Goals—Watson 3. Time of halves 25 and 20 minutes. Referee—Edward Easton, Jr., Yale. Umpire—E. K. Baxter, Hobart. Linesmen—H. K. Holley, Hamilton, and Nat Stearns, Williams. Time-keepers—Drummond, Hamilton, Thatcher, Williams.	

### The Reading Room.

During the past few weeks many of the fellows have been wondering where and why the usual supply of magazines in the reading room of the Y. M. C. A. have disappeared. We justly hold that if we are taxed for such reading matter, it should be placed in the most convenient and accessible place. Why, then, are these magazines taken from the Y. M. C. A. to the Library, almost as soon as they are received? Is it because the librarian is unacquainted with the customs of the College that they are placed where they must be asked for, and then only during the short period of our new library hours, or is it an oversight on the part of the Y. M. C. A. authorities? Whatever may be the reason, it is a fault that should be remedied to the satisfaction of the fellows.

### Church and Y. M. C. A.

Song service! College sing! Tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in Silliman Hall. A spirited and heart-warming meeting. Some special features in store. Everybody out to sing!

Last Sunday Prof. Davenport made a strong address on The Three Cardinal Qualities of the Christian Life. Prof. Ebeling rendered two selections on the violin, which were appreciated.

Allbright, '03, ex-president of the Y. M. C. A., and now studying theology at Auburn Seminary, spent Sunday on College Hill. There are seven Hamilton men at Auburn Seminary: Ward, '02; from 1903, Allbright, Hunter, Putnam and Stuart; from 1904, Abbott and Evans. In Union Seminary, New York City, Hamilton is represented at present by Webster, '02, Wicks, '04, and Soper, '04.

Students who intend to transfer their church membership from their home church to the College church should have their letters of dismissal at hand for the regular communion service of this term. This service will take place the latter part of the term. It is particularly desirable that Freshmen affiliate themselves with the College church as early in their course as possible.

Last summer the Amherst Biological Department, conducted by Dr. Loomis, made a trip over the Wasatch, Badlands and Wind River Basin, seeing nearly a thousand specimens of skeletons of extinct animals.



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THE *Lit.* in an effort to excite interest in story writing, announces a prize competition. The sum of ten dollars will be presented to the author of the story that a committee from the faculty deems the best. Here is a chance for the imaginative literary man to win a ten dollar bill by the proper use of his talent. It is worth trying for, not alone on account of the prize, but for the experience in writing. It would seem, however, that there ought to be enough interest in writing for the *Lit.* to make any pecuniary inducement of this kind unnecessary. In the lack of such interest the *Lit.* is probably making a wise move.

## SOPHOMORE HOP.

At a meeting of the Sophomore Hop Committee held Wednesday noon, all of the necessary sub-committees were appointed by Chairman Rood. From all indications the Hop promises to eclipse all previous Sophomore dances. By changing the date from Winter term to Fall term, the Class of 1907 has somewhat diminished the usual profuseness of social affairs of Winter term. This is a much desired change for most of the fellows, as the usual number of dances of Winter term very naturally produces a strain upon both purses and studies. This also gives the Freshmen an opportunity to experience the pleasure of a College dance before the Junior Prom. in February. It is expected that a special car will be run into Utica after the Hop. The affair is in the hands of a competent committee and we may all look forward to a first-class dance.

—Several of the fellows went home to register last Saturday.

## Hon. Austin Smith.

Hon. Austin Smith, class of 1826, and for two years the oldest living graduate of any college in the country, died at his home in Westfield, Oct. 26th, aged 100 years and seven months. Mr. Smith was a member of the New York state Legislature for three years, and while in the Assembly was offered the speakership, which he declined. He was agent of the treasury department of South Carolina and Florida for several years, and afterward tax commissioner of the state of Florida. During the latter part of his life he resided at Westfield.

## Electric Lights.

Finally there is some prospect of electric lights before the winter is over. On Tuesday evening the Trustees of the village of Clinton received bids for the lighting of the village. The next evening they voted to accept the offer made by the Clinton Metallic Paint Company whereby the incandescent lighting is to be supplied at the rate of 10 cents per kilowatt hour and the series incandescent 32 candle power lamps for street lighting, such as we have here on the Hill, at \$20.00 per year. The company also agrees to furnish College Hill, and others in the vicinity of the village, at the same rate, providing that such consumers shall furnish their own distributing system. The service is to begin on or before Jan. 1, 1905, the contract to extend over a period of five years from date of beginning of service. The company does not bind itself to hold this offer to outsiders indefinitely, but for the next month at least those who desire may contract for lights at the above mentioned rates. For the benefit of all concerned we on the Hill should work in harmony with the village, making contracts with the same parties and having these contracts begin and end at the same time as those made by the village. It now remains for us to say whether we will have lights, if so to contract for the same, and also to set about the establishment of a distributing system. Each crowd interested should appoint one representative to meet at once with the owners of private homes, who use electricity, to consider what action should be taken so that we may be ready with our part before the heavy freezing begins. The power plant will be ready by Jan. 1st, or earlier.

## Hamilton Oratory.

Where is our department of oratory? Have we one or is it merely an apology? What good and valid reason can be given for the separation of the under classes and the consequent elimination of chapel criticism, which has admittedly always been the distinctive and most valuable feature of our oratorical training. The department of oratory says men have been injured in their speaking by this class criticism. We doubt this, even to the exception that makes a rule. True, what a convenient excuse for some sore-head or quitter to hide behind, but no man with nerve and desire to speak was ever injured by that criticism or ever failed to gain something from it. We believe that the alumni are against this innovation and we know that the student body which bears the brunt of class criticism is against it. Probably it would not do to mention common sense in the same breath with Hamilton oratory.

In addition, the comment and criticism on chapel appearances is largely puerile, not to say inane. Can a man in college recall any declamation that has not been "right good speaking?" Criticism is not given on the handling or interpretation of a subject, but rather upon the position of our thumbs or coat tails. Men may make absolutely wretched appearances, but instead of receiving a good healthy picking to pieces they are assured of promise if they keep on in the same unproved rut. All this may be easy for the speakers but it doesn't produce oratory. It's on the same plan of oration manufacture as bohnng "Smith's Reading and Speaking."

In short, chapel is run on the theory that it is a kindergarten affair. Men like to be treated as men. Does anyone think that a weekly appeal to college men will result in a velvet handed use of the furniture. The fellows in college think as much of it as anyone, and to be reproved for a hearty laugh or a friendly scuffle doesn't take well. Still Freshmen are permitted to bore us with moss-worn declamations and even poetry dees, not merely old, but whose very phrases are household words.

This may all be wrong, but the only way to convince us is to give us a good, old time chapel and a little Hamilton oratory of the kind our fathers talk about.



### Factions in Class Politics.

The loathsome subject of factionalism has butted itself into the attention of LIFE once more. We try to avoid it, but when the pest breaks out in our midst for sanitation's sake we raise our lusty cry to stamp out the plague. Throwing aside veiling figures and kid gloves, let us speak to the point.

The Junior class election took place a couple of weeks ago. It smelled of log-rolling, intrigue, and political deals. There was a lacking of class spirit, but a number of independent spirits tugging in various directions.

The Sophomore election passed off without discord, although rumors were afloat that certain deals were to be put through.

The Seniors, who pride themselves on their class unity and good fellowship, met a couple of weeks ago and for the fourth time reelected their officers.

And now the Freshmen are agitating a class election. Instead of waiting until they know one another thoroughly they must needs clamor for an election instanter. More than this, symptoms of the accursed plague of intrigue and political deals appear. Certain crowds, fearful lest they won't get a plum out of the little pie, combine, make out a slate and bind one another to put it through.

This whole system of combination and jobbery is harmful even in such minor affairs as class elections. But the curse of it all is that the plague reaches out into College elections. It threatens to blight athletics, the literary and the musical interests of the College.

Stamp it out! Throttle the monster before its venom poisons the life of the College.

If Hamilton, with her two hundred men, vies successfully with colleges twice her size, she must be a unit, solid and invulnerable. A spoonful of brains can comprehend the impossibility of College unity if petty factions are allowed to run life.

Therefore, away with them. LIFE has always upheld the ideal, that to the best man for the place the official honor should go. Bestow honor upon whom honor is due. Only then can this small College attain its fullest growth.

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### College Notes.

—Scott, '07, has been on the sick list.

—Leslie's Weekly contains a very excellent halftone likeness of Carnegie Hall.

—Dr. Payne, '78, Albright, '03, and Judd, '04, visited the Hill during the past week.

—White, '08, received a bad cut above his left ear during football practice Thursday.

—Coach Turner visited New York after the Williams game, returning to College Tuesday.

—The time has at last arrived when the fire places in West College can be fully appreciated.

—A special chapel will be held on November 16th to accommodate the delinquent speakers.

—After the Williams game several of the fellows visited friends at Union and all report fine times.

—Abbey, '05, and McLean, '06, are attending the 70th annual convention of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity Convention at Chicago.

—The attendance at classes Saturday was very poor, nearly all the students who could possibly go, accompanied the team to Albany.

—Seventeen Freshmen reported for basket-ball practice Wednesday afternoon. Captain Sherman, '06, says that there is much promising material in '08 and is confident of a winning team this year.

—There will be a football game on Steuben field this afternoon between the Utica Free Academy and the Auburn High School teams.

—A new screen for basket-ball has been placed in position over the stairs in the Gymnasium. This was made necessary in order to comply with the new rule.

—Dr. Root has been ill the past week. It is thought that he will be around to meet his classes by Monday. The College sincerely hopes for his speedy recovery.

—Next week the D. T. will hold a special initiation. In connection with the initiation there will be the customary banquet and theatre party. Rynd, '07, is the candidate for membership to this jovial company.

—The whole heating apparatus of Carnegie is now being used. Up to the present time only one boiler has been called into play. It is hoped that this will result in keeping the rooms at a uniformly comfortable temperature.

—The first number of the *Lit.* is out and deserves commendation, especially the latter half of it. Surely the *Lit.* has an enterprising manager who must devote much good time to looking up "ads." Thirty-seven pages of reading matter, twenty seven pages of advertisement and a cover.

—Work will soon be begun by the two upper classes in preparation for the debate with the College of the City of New York, which is to be held in New York some time during the month of January. There will be a preliminary debate between the Seniors and Juniors, and from these two teams the men for the Intercollegiate debate will be chosen.

—Captain Richardson, of the chess team, announces that tournaments will be held next term with Syracuse, Rochester, and possibly with Cornell. Pound, Driscoll and Richardson of last year's team are still in the game, and with the support of the College a strong aggregation should be sent out to represent Hamilton.

—At a meeting held in Clinton Tuesday evening, the townspeople voted to act independently of Williamson in regard to the electric lighting, to put up poles of their own and have the town lighted by January 1st, 1905. This is good news for the College and we hope that there will be no slip this time. Let us all be able to throw the old lamps out of the windows on the first night of next term.

—Loftis, '05, entertained the Buttinskies at the Delta Upsilon house, Thursday evening. Cider and rarebit were features. The guests were Paton, Hayes and Wright.

—There was no football practice Monday afternoon. This gave the 'varsity a chance to rest up after the Williams game. Coach O'Neil and Capt. Brigham of Colgate accompanied our team to Albany Saturday.

—The Glee Club has had its first rehearsal and promises to be a credit to the College. New pieces and several new singers are in evidence. Of course it will be a shame to allow some of our old standbys in the song line to pass, but the leaders begin to realize that songs as well as patience get worn out.

—With the end of the football season approaching, there arises the question, are we to have a football dinner this year; and if so, when? Last year's attempt was a success, so far as spirit went, and that is all. Mahady ought to be able to serve a dinner to which we could all do justice. He knows how to do it and would make a success. It is to be hoped that the custom inaugurated last year will be continued.

—For the first time this term our old friend, who remained with us so long a time last year, has made his appearance. Evidently he did not need money this time, but took a fancy to Gordon's rain coat. When it gets so that a fellow must stand guard over his possessions here on the hill, it is time that the College woke up and looked into the matter. It might be a good thing if fewer second-hand clothes were sold and our visitors who prow around the halls at all hours of the day and night were requested to absent themselves.

—Hamilton colors have been altogether too scarce at the football games this year. Not one man in ten has carried the blue and buff with him. It is everyone's duty to own and use a Hamilton banner. Some fellows seem to think that it is a "prep." school trick to carry the flag, but this is a great mistake. Union and Colgate are both strong in flag carrying and the men bearing the banners understand that they are quite as effective in producing good playing as the songs and yells. It is a great encouragement to a team to see a grandstand full of blue and buff banners. So fellows, during the Rochester and Colgate games, let the fellows see their colors somewhere else than on their own jerseys and stockings.



**The Lit.**

Truth compels the admission that the October issue of the *Lit.* is not quite up to the standard. It might be thought that it was published for the sake of advertising our business patrons and that the literary department was a minor consideration. If such were the object of the *Lit.* we would place it in the front rank of College publications. However, we feel safe in assuming that the ostensible purpose is to present to the students a magazine of literary worth and criticize it as such.

On the first page is a poem entitled "A Lost Love." It is the best thing in the issue. Tennyson's famous "Break; break, break" was evidently used as a model. "A Change of Schedule" is the title of a story by Scott. It is well written but exhibits no startling originality on the part of the author. "A Coquette" is a little poem by Kinney written in his customary style. "The Vision of the Crater" is a piece of good description by McLean.

It is safe to say that no one ought to remain long in ignorance as to the political faith of the author of the Alumni Notes. A few speeches of some of our great Democrats with about a page of general alumni news thrown in to even it up a little describes the "Alumniana" for October. There is too much wind and not enough of solid facts.

**Among the Colleges.**

Seventy per cent. of the class of 1908, at Wesleyan, have been taken into fraternities.

The Woman's Law Class of N. Y. U. has opened this fall with an enrollment of 19 students.

University of Pennsylvania has received the sum of \$15,000, which is to be used in the advancement of scholarships in the Medical department.

The subject of the Williams-Wesleyan annual debate, to be held in November, is, "Resolved: that the government of territories and alien peoples, by the President and Congress of the United States, unrestricted and unratified by Federal constitutions, will be injurious to our Republican institutions and to our form of government." Williams has the affirmative.

At a recent meeting of the Harvard faculty, it was voted to change the requirements for the degree of A. M. and to allow undergraduates who have completed the requirements for the degree of A. B., with the exception of a single

course, to be admitted to the graduate school as candidates for A. M. Originally only actual holders of an A. B. could be considered as candidates for an A. M. The new regulations in connection with the three-year rule will make it less difficult for men to acquire both degrees within four years and retain identity with their class.

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