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Senior Club Dance.

The Senior Club dance in Society Hall, down town, Thursday night, was in every way a real success. It was a fitting climax to the many pleasures of the winter term weekly conventions.

When you find a crowd of twenty-five fellows who have been together here on the Hill for nearly four years having a dance all by themselves you can expect just the sort of good time the Senior Club had. And didn't they shout out the old yells and sing the old songs! The committee of arrangements was Becker, Mangan, LeMunyan, DeVotie and Harper. The hall was decorated with bunting, flags and banners. Rath's orchestra of Utica furnished music. The patronesses were Mrs. Stryker, Mrs. Squires and Mrs. Shepard, of College Hill. There were present also Misses Griffith, Sessions, Miller, McKnight, Shaughnessy and Brown of Utica, Miss Hodge, of Prospect, Miss Peck, of Deansboro, Misses Caldwell, Metcalf and Daniels, of Clinton, Miss Lambert, of Chadwicks, Miss Harris of Amsterdam, Misses Miner, Halstead and VanWagenen, of Rome, Miss Henderson, of Herkimer, Mrs. Watrous, of Utica, Miss Deering, of Oneida, Miss Cole, of Yorkville.

It is such a dance as this that makes the college man wish his undergraduate days continued indefinitely. Every fellow seemed just as much at his ease as when seated around the card tables at the weekly gatherings of last term. And with fair ladies it was a case of follow suit.

To those who attended Junior Prom. and painfully struggled over the super-waxed floor the Senior dance was a pleasing relief, from a pedal point of view. But there is no need to enlarge upon it. It was a great dance. Every one was satisfied.

—It is reported that Union has already received 127 applications for next year's freshman class. We must get busy.

Prof. Albert H. Chester.

The news of the death of Dr. Chester reached the Hill on Wednesday. Though all but unknown to the present college generation he was looked up to with respect by the men who were on this Hill from 1870 to 1891, and to them his decease will come with even more force than to us.

Albert Huntington Chester was born at Saratoga Springs in 1843, though his early boyhood was spent in and about Buffalo. He attended Union College, but after a short stay he entered the Columbia College School of Mines, from which he graduated in 1868. He then took up business and manufacturing in Brooklyn till in 1879 he was elected professor of agricultural chemistry in Hamilton College. After a faithful and efficient service of several years in that position he was made professor of chemistry and mineralogy. This position he held till 1891, when the professorship of chemistry in Rutgers was offered him and he accepted. For the remaining thirteen years of his life he filled that position with eminent success.

In all the branches of work that Prof. Chester undertook he was a man of excellent attainment. He was an honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa, received in 1868 the degree of E. M. from Columbia, Ph. D. from Columbia in 1877, and LL. D. from Hamilton in 1891.

He was a member of the Century Association, of the Reform Club, the Scientific Alliance, and the American Institute of Mechanical Engineers. The deceased was the author of numerous and valuable scientific works, and leaves a reputation not only for his ability but for his genial manhood in every relation of life.

—Assistant—"Here's a letter that smells as if it had a sample of limburger cheese in it. It's addressed to"—Postmaster—"Never mind the address. Send it to the dead letter office."—*Chicago Tribune.*

A Landmark.

In connection with the new forward strides in building which this season is to see on the Hill, another of the ancient landmarks of Clinton is to be destroyed. The old building of the Clinton Liberal Institute, which is one of the first things to greet the eye of the visitor as he comes into the village, has been sold to Dr. Stryker. The material in it will be used in the new laboratory, which is to be put up on the Campus.

The history of the old, crumbling structure in the village dates back to the year 1832, when the Universalists erected it to be used as a school. It was called the Clinton Liberal Institute because of the liberal views which its founders held on religious matters and which they intended that this school should inculcate into the youth who should attend it. During the first year it had 108 pupils, and for half a century it had a successful and useful career.

The C. L. I. itself was moved to Fort Plain, where but two or three years ago its building was destroyed. It has not been rebuilt.

The building on Utica street is 96x52 feet in dimensions and its original cost was \$9,300. It is an interesting old structure; yet the interest which centers about it is not sufficient to justify its preservation in its present state. It is very fitting, however, that this relic which has been the home of education in the past should do its part toward furnishing a place for the higher culture of the future.

—The average college man doesn't feel much like advertising Hamilton to sub-freshmen when, on his second day's visit at home, he receives a notice from the faculty announcing that "½ allowance which does not allow you the benefit of fractions" of his cuts are taken away because he was absent from a fifteen minute exercise in Chapel the morning after Junior Prom.

A Knock on the Book Store.

During this term, and for that matter, throughout the entire year, there has been an unexcusable and provoking mismanagement of the college book store.

It has been absolutely impossible for any of the classes to procure the books necessary for their work. This negligence on the part of the bookseller has occasioned considerable inconvenience and delay in the term work.

In one class needing a dozen books not before used in college, only ten were ordered, and the class is of the same size as last term. And this is only one example of very many. It is quite inexplicable why it cannot be possible to have books and enough of them when the term opens. It is no excuse whatsoever that some books may be left on the bookseller's hands, for every man in the class needs a text book and has to have it; but even if through some unusual mischance there should be a book or two left over, they could be returned to the company from which they were ordered, as all book companies make this arrangement.

In another case, not a book was on hand, or is yet, for the term work, and they were not ordered by the end of last week. This is the occasion of no end of trouble, because it is absolutely necessary to have these books for the term work. This is openly a case of pure mismanagement and neglect and is vexing in the extreme.

There is a general feeling of indignation throughout the college and this sort of carelessness will not be tolerated another term. It would be far preferable to get the books in Utica, where they would be on hand when ordered, and surely some means of correction and disapproval will follow if this trifling keeps up.

The bookseller gets certain privileges from the college for his trouble and makes an exorbitant profit on his goods, and when he adds discomfort to soaking, something is going to drop, and that right soon. This is no idle kick; it is the sentiment of the college.

—Is there anything in the athletic line which "Uncle John" cannot teach?

—The annual meeting of the Utica Presbytery has been held in the Stone Church in Clinton during three days of the past week. Numerous delegates have thus been given the opportunity to visit the hill.

Just a Discussion.

All idea of opposition to the Commons has disappeared from college. No student speaks of it now, whereas but two years ago the plan had as many opponents among the students as it had supporters. It will do more for a broad and deep Hamilton spirit than anything that can be thought of this bringing the students together three times a day in close companionship with one another. In the course of a few years it will have forced all the fraternities onto the Campus, their members into the dormitories and to the common eating hall; in short, will have broken up the old fraternity spirit and substituted for it "Hamilton" spirit. This is about the way we have become accustomed to reason it and, although there are weak spots in the argument, yet it holds good in the long run.

But yesterday a new idea came into our accustomed consideration of the Commons questions. A Hamilton graduate said: "Yes, that will bring about something very desirable, but what will the fraternities do? Will they give up their present houses to build club houses on the campus? If so, how will they support themselves? If they try to maintain club houses on the campus the expense will be large and entirely outside the cost of living. It will make a fraternity man's expenses from fifty to a hundred dollars a year more than they now are. Can Hamilton students afford this? I think not. It will mean that the fraternities will be always bankrupt and calling on their alumni for help. But aside from the cost there is another and very important consideration. The fraternity clubs will accustom the students to a luxurious form of living. Besides their rooms in the dormitories, the students will become accustomed to well appointed clubs and little luxuries will be necessities to them. This will be pernicious. Eighty per cent. of the men at Hamilton are morally obliged to go through college at the very lowest cost. Many of them have borrowed the money they are spending. When they leave college it will be a hard drop for them to earn fifteen dollars a week and save ten of it. Will it be well to further handicap men like these by giving them extravagant ideas?"

Without trying to decide which of these two arguments is the better, they are given here because they furnish an outline over which each student may construct his own arguments for or against the Commons.

First Signs.

The following committees have been appointed to attend to the incidents of commencement week: Senior ball committee—Miller, chairman, Croft, Jones, Blakely, Lambert, Durkee, Lomber, Peet; executive committee—Youker, chairman, Putnam, Perry, Maxwell, Peet, Child, Owens, Arthur; nominating committee—Hunter, chairman, Perry, Maxwell, Youker, Owens, Jones, Putnam, Peet. Sub-committees will be appointed early next week, and much of the preliminary work for commencement will be under way. The cap and gown committee have decided upon a design for the class flag to be hung in chapel.

The K. P. Competition.

Among the prospective K. P.'s submitted in competition are five on "Dying Finland," four on the "Loneliness of Great Men," two on "Orators of the French Revolution," two on "John Marshall of Virginia," and two on "The Message of the Orient to the Occident."

From The "Tech."

The Lounger before has had occasion to refer to its only competitor in the field of American publications, the million-a-month leaflet, which escapes from the editorial sanctum of Mr. Bok. Now we—The Tech—would like a million-a-week issue ourselves, and the Lounger is going to furnish the wherewithal as follows:

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REALLY WORTH WHILE.

The night of June 3, better known as K. P. night, there will be a freshman frolic in Society Hall. The seniors have just given a class dance. We believe there are few things that will go farther to create a strong and healthy class spirit than a frolic, few things that will go farther to cement and strengthen the bonds of class friendship than a Senior Club dance. The dance of Thursday was a thorough success; undoubtedly the frolic will be equally successful. The frolic is an old custom, though it had had many interruptions in the last few years; while the Senior Club dance is a new idea of this year. We hope both of these dances are now fixtures at Hamilton.

HAMILTON SHOULD BE PROUD.

Prof. Morrill is a collaborating editor of the Journal of Comparative Neurology, a quarterly periodical devoted to the comparative study of the nervous system in all its aspects. The staff of fifteen regular contributors is composed of eminent biologists of the United States, Belgium, Germany and England.

WHILE men are at work repairing the track and the base ball diamond, it would be an excellent time to dump a few loads of dirt on the football field in some of the swampy places which bothered the team so much last year. These places are near the south goal, and are seldom dry during the football season.

Uncle John is making a new place for the hammer and shot men to practice, so that they will not interfere with the practice of baseball candidates. While repairs are being made, it would be a good time to provide a couple of benches for the use of the baseball players.

ALUMNI BANQUET.

The Hamilton College alumni of Central New York will banquet at Arcanum Temple in Utica Monday night. The senior class has also been invited, and if he has to pawn his banjo or tennis racket every man ought to go. Two dollars a cover is the price. This banquet ought to be the kind of affair to arouse a whole lot of Hamilton enthusiasm. Hamilton men are leaders in this locality. A United States judge, a supreme court judge, judge of the surrogate court, United States representative, superintendent of public schools, mayor of the city, editor of the leading paper, and other prominent citizens represent Hamilton in Utica alone. The company will be good and everything connected with the banquet will be equally good. There ought to be forty seniors present to lead the singing and make every man at the banquet feel that he is still a Hamilton "boy"

FENCING.

Some time in the future we are to have a new dormitory. Probably it will be on the site of the old Chemical Lab. When erected it will complete an imposing line of buildings extending from the road to the end of the Campus. Now this suggests something. During foot ball season when we have games on the Campus such as the Colgate game of last fall, under existing conditions we are bound to lose money. It is quite impossible to manage the crowds which surge on to the field. A dozen men could not collect all the admission revenues, with the spectators running across the fields in fifty different directions. It is human nature to save a half dollar when opportunity offers. We do not mean that those who are interested in the college would seek "free" admission. It is those who are interested only in seeing a game of football. It is they we must look out for. To make the large games a success some charge must be made. An effectual remedy might be to erect an iron fence extending from beyond the site of the new Chemical Lab. to the proposed dormitory, and from there northeast to the rear of the Hall of Philosophy. This might easily be made in such a way as to add to the beauty of the field, by hedges, large gates, etc., and at the same time bring in a large revenue. If some thoughtful class will not donate the structure, it will pay the Athletic Association to consider the matter.

HERE'S a bit of a suggestion for trackmen: Spring field meet, May 14; Wesleyan, May 16; Colgate, May 23; Inter-collegiate, May 30.

Football.

Spring football practice will begin June 1st, at which time Mr. Sweetland is to be here to oversee the work. It is yet early in the term, still not too early to be giving this matter a thought now and then. This spring the squad will be put through practice more like the regular fall work, with an idea of accustoming the men to Sweetland's style of coaching and also to give the line men special instruction. In preparing for this practice every man should see to it that his suit is collected and in shape. If any part of his uniform needs fixing, it should be turned in to the manager immediately, so that when the squad trots on the field for its first appearance this year, every man will have a suit, which is not in rags, but which will be a credit to the college and management.

A Suggestion by Dr. Stryker.

A few days ago Dr. Stryker suggested to a committee of the junior class that during their coming senior year they wear mortar-board caps.

The idea is a departure from our usual custom, but from the general opinion expressed among the junior class, it is likely that the suggestion of Dr. Stryker will be followed.

D. K. E. Informal.

A very enjoyable informal party was given last night by the gentlemen of Delta Kappa Epsilon. The patronesses were Mrs. Root, of College Hill, and Miss Rumley of Clinton, and Mrs. Watrous of Utica. The young ladies were Miss Marjorie Harris of Amsterdam, Miss Shaughnessy and Miss Reeder of Utica, Misses Grace and May Moore, Misses Flora Brockway, Myra Porter, Mabel Metcalf, Alida Stryker and Miss Quisenbury of Clinton, Misses Simons and Henderson of Herkimer, Miss Deering of Oneida, Misses Miner, Halstead, Van Wagenen and Wilson of Rome, and Miss Peck of Deansboro. Rath of Utica furnished music. Mrs. Watrous of Utica has been chaperon of the house party during the week.

The Orpheum.

Those who like a vaudeville bill with plenty of variety should not miss seeing the splendid show at the Orpheum this week which has pleased large audiences at every performance. The scenes from the life of Joan of Arc should especially be seen by every student of history as the Orpheoscope brings them out clearly. For the coming week the management has arranged one of the best comedy and musical bills of the season. Heading it is the high class musical act of the Three Lelliotts, into which just a little light comedy is worked. One of the trio is a young lady harpist of unusual ability and all three are very capable musicians. LeRoy and Clayton will present their very amusing sketch, "Hogan of the Hansom," with which they have made all New York laugh. Crimmins and Gore will get many laughs with the funny skit, "Like Mother Used to Make." Two of the leading conversational comedians on the stage, Hanley & Jarvis, will present an entirely new line of bright talk which will make them favorites. Charles Wayne, the whimsical entertainer, will add to the fun, according to reports from the cities where he has appeared, and Wilson & Leicester will more than do their part in lyric novelty, "A Love Story Told in Song." On the Orpheoscope will be shown an unusually fine set of pictures, "Life of an American Fireman."

—The base ball game scheduled to be played Wednesday afternoon with the Rome High School was cancelled.

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Mail leaves the Hill at the convenience of the Carrier, and comes up after the Carrier gets down.
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College Notes.

—"Jenks, perhaps."

—The Wesleyan meet is only a month off.

—The new suits for the baseball team are very neat.

—Hamilton alumni dinner in Utica next Monday.

—It is time to be thinking about sub-freshman week.

—A. S. Davis is taking post-graduate work in Physics.

—Only one more Wednesday Chapel before Prize Stabs.

—Henderson '00 has been on the Hill during the past week.

—Dean '05 attended a dance in Elmira last Wednesday night.

—Dean lately composed an excellent eulogium on "King John."

—The new chant for Sunday Chapel appears somewhat difficult.

—A number of visitors have been on the Hill during the past week.

—Mills, Cornell '05, is taking special work here during spring term.

—Prex. held a twilight love-feast with the sophomores on Wednesday.

—Several sub-freshmen have visited the Hill during the past week.

—It looks as though the Hall of Commons would soon be ready for use.

—The track men worked faithfully this last week while weather permitted.

—Easter services in the evening took many fellows into Utica last Sunday night.

—The faculty at last realize that division by two does not leave one-quarter.

—A generous subscription was given for baseball after noon chapel last Saturday.

—Hutton '04 has accepted a position as instructor in Wheeler's Preparatory School.

—The gym. has been transformed lately into a sea-side resort: Bathing at all hours.

—Coach Setley is rounding the team into splendid form. What is needed now is a snappy practice game or two.

—Uncle John's swimming class is progressing famously. Everybody appreciates the luxury of a comfortable plunge.

—The chess team, consisting of Landers '03, Owens '03, Richardson '05, and Driscoll '06, play Syracuse on Saturday April 18th.

—Jenks '06 innocently rises from his seat in class meeting and asks his fellow freshmen to explain to him what a "Frolic" is.

—Reports from Geneva indicate that our glee club concert there was above the standard of the Amherst clubs set a few weeks later.

—Our baseball coach has been in hot water during the past week. The soles of his feet are tough, however, so it has not hurt him much.

—"Bill Squires" calls upon "Sliver" Davis in Logic for a categorical sentence, and as it is about 9:50, "Sliver" answers, "Time is up."

—The Senior Club gave a dance in Society Hall Thursday night. Rath of Utica furnished the music and the occasion was an enjoyable one.

—The chairs and the rest of the tables have been placed in the Commons. All are finished in old oak, and though plain are very neat and serviceable.

—The class representatives have been elected by the Senior Committee to give the responses on Campus Day: Tenant for '04; Merrick for '05; and Nellis for '06.

—It would be a good custom to establish if 1903 would place its class flag in the Chapel at the opening of spring term, coincident with the wearing of caps and gowns.

—Work on the foundation of the new Chemical Laboratory was begun this week. The building seems to be somewhat smaller than the Hall of Philosophy, but it will be sufficiently large for a building devoted entirely to chemistry.

—R. U. Sherman '04 has been obliged to leave college to consult oculists in New York and Philadelphia.

—T. W. Mills has entered college in the sophomore class. Mr. Mills was at Cornell last year in the law department, he expects to complete the regular course here.

—The tennis courts are being put into condition again. It has been necessary to dig up the clay on one of them, which will consequently be out of condition for a short time.

—Mr. Powell reports that in the near future the Chi Psi Lodge, Alpha Delta Phi Hall and Emerson Hall will have a telephone line independent of the other houses on the Hill.

—The two under classes are trying to find out why an additional tax of thirty-five cents has been added to their term bill this term. Some one has suggested that it is to pay for cleaning the Gym. after the recent flag row.

—The death of Dr. Albert H. Chester, professor of chemistry in Rutgers College, took place last Monday. Dr. Chester was formerly professor of Chemistry and Geology in Hamilton and was widely known as a scholar and teacher.

—It is difficult to decide whether it was a joke or not, but that "nominal fee" business about Commons is about as senseless a ruling as ever was made upon this hill. Think of it! You may hire the hall for one night for the "nominal fee" of fifty dollars! Of course under such reduced rates nothing but heat and light can be furnished. All else is extra. The Hall of Commons would make an excellent place for many gatherings, such as upperclassman dinners, etc. But under the present arrangement such an experiment would be foolhardy. We cannot understand how this "nominal fee" proposition will give us any great benefit.

—Doctor—Have you heard of Mr. Blank's death? Friend—No. Are you sure he's dead? Doctor—Positive. I treated him myself.

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Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Tomorrow afternoon every student should make it a point to attend the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Root will speak, and that means we shall hear something interesting.

Each year about this time a convention is held at some eastern college, made up of the new officers of college Y. M. C. A's. This year it is in Harvard, and Soper '04 is Hamilton's delegate.

"Stistics."

In this month's *World's Work* there is an interesting article on the value of the small and large college. The article consists almost entirely of statistics, but they speak for themselves. In making this calculation the writer has made use of the list of men in *Who's Who*, which furnishes undoubtedly the best source, for making any figures in regard to the general usefulness of colleges. In his investigations the writer has found that the best college is a small college, male, situated in New England in a town of over 30,000 inhabitants.

—"Dr. Liddon tells of a minister who was called on at short notice to officiate at the parish church of Crathie in the presence of the late Queen Victoria, and, transported by his tremendous experience, burst forth in rhetorical supplication: 'Grant that as she grows to be an old woman she may be made a new man; and that in all righteous causes she may go forth before her people like a he-goat on the mountains.'"

ANYTHING TO OBLIGE.



Guest—Here, waiter, I can't cut my steak with this knife!

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