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## U. F. A. vs. Hamilton.

The first game of basket-ball which our team has played this year was won from Utica Free Academy on Wednesday evening, by a close score of 19 to 16. Promptly at eight the game was opened by the yells of both college and prep. school. At once it was seen that not always is a prep. school team a cinch, and especially in the game of basket-ball. Throughout the whole game it was an exceedingly close contest, and at one time it looked as though the fates were surely against us, when Utica had two baskets the better of us. The throwing for goals, in case of fouls, was poor on both sides. Brennan succeeding in throwing one out of three for Utica and "Tommy" one out of four for Hamilton.

The crowd was not what it should have been, especially as it was the first game of the year. We hope that more men may hereafter turn out to help along this branch of athletics. The team is composed of good players but it is seen that team work is lacking, and that more practice is needed. It was only by the efficient playing of "Tommy" that the game was won. We have a good schedule before us, and we want to leave a good record behind it.

The line up was as follows:

Hamilton.	Utica F. A.
	Center.
S. Sherman,	Brennan, (Capt.)
	Right Forward.
Peet,	Adams.
	Left Forward.
McLaughlin, (Capt.)	Bramley.
	Right Guard.
Busch,	Pinkney.
	Left Guard.
Schwab,	Mattison.
Goals for Utica—Pinkney 1, Brennan 1, Adams 4.	
Goals for Hamilton—Peet 1, McLaughlin 6.	
Twenty minute halves.	
Final score, Hamilton 19, Utica 16.	

## Exhibition.

Given below is the program for the gymnastic and athletic exhibition which will be held either the 15th or 21st of February in Soper Gymnasium under the direction of "Uncle John." The exhibition will be assisted by the Hamilton College Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs. The officers who have charge of the show will be:

Referee and announcer—Prof. Henry W. White.

Clerk—Arthur H. Naylor, '02.

Measurers—Nelson L. Drummond, '03; John Van Allen, '02; Elihu Root, '03.

Athletic and gymnastic director—Mr. John T. Crosley.

Committee on arrangements—Nelson L. Drummond, '02; F. A. Grant, '03; Robert R. Wicks, '04.

The clerk, referee and measurers will act as judges in each event. "Uncle John" desires that every man who intends to enter in any event should at his earliest convenience report to him with a full list of his entries.

The running will commence promptly at seven o'clock on the second floor of the gymnasium. Other events will be called at 7:30 sharp, owing to the extreme length of the program. In many of the events records have already been established, and there will be close competition in all, and undoubtedly many of the existing figures will be expunged. The seventh event will be treated as other contests, as the management intends to award a championship in this feature of the exhibition.

The following is the list of events, records and holders:

- 1 mile run,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile run,  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile run.  
 1. Low bar jump (distance)—8 feet 8 inches, Minor, '04.  
 2. Low bar jump (high)—5 feet, Millham, '01.  
 3. Potato race.  
 4. Rope climbing—10 1-5 seconds, Millham, '01.  
 5. Standing broad jump.

6. Music.  
 7. Bag punching.  
 8. Fence vault and pull up—6 feet 5 inches, Remington, '04.  
 9. Acrobats.  
 10. High jump—5 feet 1 inch, McLaughlin, '03.  
 11. Flying rings.  
 12. Parallel bars and dip.  
 13. Dumb-bell, one and two arms.  
 14. Kicking, standing—7 feet 6 inches, Remington, '04.  
 Kicking, running—8 feet 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches, Edgerton, '04.  
 15. Music.  
 16. Club swinging.  
 17. Boxing.  
 18. Spring board.

## Another Suggestion.

The glee, banjo and mandolin clubs bid fair to be successful. Already several satisfactory concerts have been given, and by the first of February the northern trip will have become a thing of the past. No engagements are scheduled for the week of the Junior Prom., and why would it not be a good scheme for these clubs to give an entertainment some afternoon, say Wednesday, of that week, in place of or in conjunction with the organ recital. Such an entertainment would contribute not a little to the amusement of our guests. It was thought that the indoor exhibition might be given at that time, but this was found to be impossible owing to the lack of time in which to prepare. However, there seems to be no valid reason why we should not have a musicale. The clubs should then be in prime condition, and although a little extra effort would be required on the part of the members, their reward would be the pleasure of all, and the reward would more than acquit the effort expended. It is our duty to make Hamilton hospitality as enjoyable as possible, and surely music is a great charmer.

### What is a College?

George N. Hinman, editor and part owner of the Chicago *Inter-Ocean*, in defining a college says:

The proposal to change the name of Northwestern University raises questions vital to every such institution.

What determines the power of a seat of learning? Is it the wealth of material equipment or the spirit of scholarship? What makes a college or university? Is it buildings or brains?

To these questions there can be but one answer. James A. Garfield put that answer in a sentence when he said: "Mark Hopkins on one end of a bench and myself on the other would be college enough for me." The expression may be exaggerated, but it reaches the point clearly.

It is the power of the teacher's personality, his embodiment of the spirit of scholarship, not fine buildings or great endowments, which gives the college power. How fully this is the case will appear from a few comparisons.

The equipment of many German universities seems shabby and mean as compared with Stanford's or Chicago's or Harvard's. But the tradition of high and independent thinking lives in them. That spirit is not generated from marble walls, but is created by the self-sacrificing devotion of the men of light and learning who have composed their teaching forces.

There is a little college in Central New York which well illustrates the value of a name which stands for great ideas rather than for riches alone. It was named after Alexander Hamilton, our first great constructive statesman, and under the influence of his name it has ever laid stress upon studies concerning the duties of citizenship. It has never been wealthy, but compare the roll of its graduates with Girard's, with all its riches, and see which has sent out the men of power in their communities.

A few years ago a Methodist college not far from Chicago changed its name—that of the church's great pioneer bishop—to that of a man who offered a large endowment. It gained better material equipment, but even its most loyal sons are today uneasily conscious that it does not rank so high as it did when its name stood for the militant spirit of Methodism.

That a university's material benefactors should be remembered and honored

highly is most fitting. The buildings they erect or the chairs they endow may properly bear their names. But when money alone is stamped on the sign of the institution, then is its visible tradition no longer scholarly, but mercenary.

### Junior Prom.

After some difficulty and trouble the Junior Prom. committee has been appointed and are busy at work on the preparations for a dance that bids fair to be the best ever given. It certainly is the duty and privilege of the class of 1903 to give us the best possible time. Being cut out, as they were, from giving the usual Sophomore Hop, this is the first time they have had a chance to show their social spirit.

The date has been set for Feb. 6. This is earlier than usual, necessarily so on account of Lent, but early or late, it makes no difference. We all want to have a girl on, and let those who have not already, engage one as soon as possible. Besides the different dances, there bids fair to be excellent coasting and sleighing and a basket-ball game in Utica on Saturday with Yale. All these ought to and will add to the attractions of the week, and will enable us to give our friends the best time they ever had in their life.

Let us one and all bohn in and make this the best week we have ever known here. We can do it. Let us all support the dance. If 100 men don't turn out to the prom. the committee and class will be disappointed; and through the whole week let us keep in mind this fact, that the best way to make yourself happy is by making others happy, and this we can do by giving our guests a royal reception.

### The Hamilton Banquet.

In commemoration of the 145th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Hamilton was held the 34th annual banquet of the New York Association of Hamilton Alumni at the hotel Savoy. The event and occasion was celebrated on the night of the 3d of January, 1902. Addresses were delivered by President M. Woolsey Stryker, Dr. William R. Terrett, Hon. W. H. Hotchkiss, Rev. R. G. McGregor and others. Hon. John H. Hewson the president of the association officiated as toastmaster. The banquet was attended by upwards of 100 loyal

alumni. Among the number were many of the later graduates, which well speaks the hold that Hamilton is attaching to the metropolis. Great credit is to be awarded to the executive committee and to Dr. A. N. Brockway, '57, the recording secretary of the confederation, for the good offices so well executed.

### Exchanges.

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Some people wed, I have been told,  
Because of animosity  
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ONE of our esteemed exchanges complains that a contemporary devotes "too much space to athletics." It expresses regret that athletic considerations "even pervade the editorial columns." Just what the learned writer of the exchange column means to substitute in place of these items in which every college man and loyal alumnus are interested, he does not venture to say. We cannot imagine the outcome to all colleges should his advice be accepted. Are athletes to be so unappreciated that they do not deserve mention in the columns of a weekly paper? We imagine that the author of the article could write scores of orations on the moral obligations of young men, and not exert one-tenth of the influence for manhood that a good healthy football game would do. We do not mean to be too severe on good orations, but there are many other ways of development.

In Hamilton 150 out of 185 men are either members of some athletic team or are trying for positions on them. Perhaps conditions are thus in the college of which our exchange complains and we strive in our humble way to defend, and if so then we claim that the paper is one in which student interests are well looked after. The criticism is a high compliment to the paper intended for censure.

THE basket-ball game of Wednesday evening has called attention to the fact that if we are to hold our prestige in this department we must have more men out to practice, stricter training must be insisted upon, and general all-round team work developed. Officials must be trained also. The manager was com-

pelled to take a position as umpire on account of a dearth of those who were able to act in that capacity. There ought to be sufficient interest in the game on the part of those who could easily learn to referee or umpire, so that in the event of the absence or sickness of the officials of Wednesday night, others would be qualified to step into their places.

MONDAY evening the musical clubs will give an entertainment in the Scollard Opera House. The proceeds will be used to defray the expenses of the trips already arranged. The college ought to support this enterprise and every man should be on hand with his quarter and be willing to offer his best criticism on the appearance. If the clubs display some weakness it is the business of every one to show where improvements may be made, but no man ought to criticise until he has offered all his musical talent or his best judgment to those who have the matter in charge. We want to see everyone take an interest in the matter and help them out by their presence Monday evening.

SEVERAL times during the past year LIFE has urged the college to put lights in the halls of the dormitories. This has never been done, nor even, so far as we know, tried, the excuse being that they could not be kept, that they would be destroyed. The experiment of the last term, however, has exploded this theory. Four halls have been lighted every night since the middle of fall term. And as yet not a single lamp nor any part thereof, except the oil, has had to be replaced because of intentional destruction. The faculty may lay this to the fact that the lamps have been maintained by the students, but we think past experience contradicts this.

THREE weeks, more or less, and life on the hill will assume a new aspect. The center of attraction, of course, will be the prom. and the receptions. But this is not all. Several entertainments are promised. Of one we are sure; more so in fact than a certain few would wish, perhaps. It is our boast, and justly so, that Hamilton excels in oratory. Now, instead of looking forward to that week with fear and dread, why not begin to drill immediately, determined to make the best appearance ever seen in the chapel. Not only will there be individual praise, but our feast will be echoed in

the mouths of our guests. And who can foretell the result!

HAVE you realized that winter term is a rather short term when you take out a week for dancing and, for some, another week on the trip of the musical clubs? Have you also realized that at the end of this short term those much-talked-about prize essays are due? You have had many a reminder as to the importance of this branch of your education here, but this one more will not be out of place. Write your essay *now*, then leave it for a while, and put on the final polish later. You will secure far better results than if you try to do the writing and the polishing all in the one week before the appointed time. Never mind whether you secure the prize or not, there are other prizes later which you may capture if you begin soon enough to try for them. Start training for your K. P. during the first term of your first year—that is the way to win. Of course, this advice is old and hackneyed, but it is none the less good and worthy to be followed. If you would only write without being told, you might relieve the college of these tiresome reminders. But you will not; you continue to bite your own nose off with the sole and worn out excuse of lack of time, that which, strange as it may seem, any of us can make, provided we so desire.

ONCE again the painful duty devolves upon us of recording the loss of another near to us. LIFE joins with the college in extending to Evans, '04, its heartfelt sympathy over the death of his mother. For the first time in four years Evans visited his home in Woodstock, Vt., seemingly directed by Providence.

IT was suggested on several occasions last term that the various musical clubs give a concert on the hill during dance week. This is a good suggestion and should be followed out. It would be an excellent opportunity for giving our guests a "jolly good time" that would be remembered. We could hold the concert in the chapel and make it as informal as possible—more of a social gathering than a cut-and-dried concert. It will be a chance to show some good old Hamilton spirit, for the whole college, not as separate societies, but as one, to entertain our visitors in the royal Hamilton style.

We have always prided ourselves on

our ability to make a week of dances as enjoyable as any other college, large or small, and this year let's all work together in the way we have suggested, as well as in other ways, to make the Junior week of 1902 a record breaker in our history.

**Heat.**

Now that winter is upon us our thoughts turn to the temperature of the different college buildings. Most of them are kept comfortably warm, but there are a few exceptions. The Library for instance. This building is frequented more than any other place on the campus. Here the fellows come to do their reading. Every one knows that if the body is uncomfortable the mind does not work to its best advantage. When there is a chill in the air, a person feels just uneasy enough to take his mind off what he is doing. Let us have a little more heat in the Library.

Language Hall is another building which always gives one cold chills on entrance, especially the Latin room. "Brick" tells us that "Windy" wishes his room kept at sixty-four degrees. This is not warm enough when the wind is whistling over the hill. Perhaps he thinks the fellows will go to sleep under the influence of his lectures if the room is comfortable, but he can feel assured that the Latin students will promise attention, even if he has the temperature raised a little.

The Gym. dressing-room might also be criticized. When a person comes from a warm bath he dreads to walk into a refrigerator. The health of the basket-ball men, too, should be considered. It is not the most wholesome thing in world, after violent exercise to dress in a cold room. These are small matters which could be readily remedied. If they are, "Brick" is sure of a vote of thanks from the college body.

—The Canadian foot ball championship was decided on Nov. 30, in Montreal, when Ottawa College of Ottawa, defeated the Argonauts, of Toronto.


—The Yale runners in the inter-collegiate cross-country run held at Morris Park, N. Y., Nov. 30, were victorious. They scored twenty-two points while her nearest opponent finished second with thirty-one. The team finishing with the smallest number wins. Fanchot of Yale crossed the tape first, his time for the distance being 34:20.

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### College Notes.

—"Rat" White calls for a straw with beer.

—Bullard proves to be quite a shark in Bible.

—Got your fairy for prom.? Only a few weeks left.

—The college body is smaller this term by three men.

—The students' lounging room is progressing finely. Let the good work go on.

—It's up to some one in South to do pioneer work in lighting the halls of the dormitory.

—The sophomores had an easy victory over the freshmen in basket-ball, to the tune of 15-7.

—Bosworth, '05, informs the French class that Napoleon commended the second corps(e).

—Sherrill Sherman laments in Dutch "that she has deceived me, is only too true." Hard luck, old man.

—There seems to be a general kick that it is next to impossible to get last year's books off your hands.

—Now that we have a Commons assured, what do we most need on the campus next? Perhaps a lab.

—"Nick" numbers nineteen men in his analyt. class; there's going to be a lively scrap for the math. prize.

—Uncle John has organized a special class for Tuesday afternoons to do stunts in the gym. Good work, Uncle.

—Hunter, '03, who has been detained at home with pleurisy, expects to be back at work again in a short time.

—Drummond and Bosworth were pretty well cut up over the breaking of the chimneys on the gas jets in the gym.

—A number of students attended the meeting of the Rural Art Society held at E. P. Powell's on Wednesday evening.

—"Schnitzie," after a rather rough voyage across the ocean, reached Naples safely. He is now making a visit to Athens.

—The sophomores were mistaken when they thought that Prex would not hold Bible recitation on account of the lack of books.

—Among the essays to be written by the seniors for debate are: The Preacher as a Debater, The Editor as a Debater, The Lawyer as a Debater.

—The junior prom. committee is composed of the following men: Elihu Root, M. L. Landers, J. S. Carmer, P. T. Harper, L. A. Harkness, F. D. Croft, R. H. Jones, R. E. Morris.

—Remington, in translating a description of the "Ameisler's" courtship, rendered: "And on his return he would always stick a bouquet in her corset." And from one so young!

—Some arrangement ought to be made to guard against accidents over in the gym. during basket-ball practice. Two men this week have received quite severe cuts from the breaking of a chimney.

—The seniors have elected the following men to represent them on the senior-junior debate: Messrs. Warren, Frear, Gilbert and Ward. The date set is Jan. 31. The juniors have not yet selected their representatives.

—Prof. White voiced the sentiment of the chapel last Wednesday in cutting short a lengthy dec. of one freshman and relieving the chapel of listening to a spiel that has been hashed over at least twice before this year.

—The class of 1902 has revived an old custom of giving a class banquet. It has been several years since a class has given one, and LIFE wishes all success to the venture. We hope to see it kept up by their successors.

—The biology class has kindly established in their laboratory a cold storage for all deceased cats found in Clinton and vicinity. We should judge by the odors that the process of preservation has not yet been perfected.

—V. G. Hinshaw, national vice-president of the Inter-collegiate Prohibition

Association, who is touring as an organizer among the colleges of the east, visited the hill recently in the interests of the Hamilton Prohibition Club.

—"Windy" has inaugurated a very much approved system of class work with the sophomores. There is no daily oral recitation, but lectures and explanations of text constitute the recitation. Written reviews at the completion of each.

—The following awards were announced in Chapel yesterday morning: Soper Prize Thesis, D. R. Campbell; Kirkland Prize Oration, D. R. Campbell. No award was made in the Pruyn Medal, the Head Prize or the Darling Prize Theses.

—We must urge that more men come out for basket-ball practice. Let every man who has ever even seen a ball get a gym. suit and get on the floor, and those who are really unable to play, let them come out and cheer the players. We want to make this a successful season.

—Charles R. Keck, '97, who was recently obliged to resign his position as principal of the public school in Southampton, L. I., owing to trouble with his eyes, is filling the position of Prof. Geo. A. Watrous in the Utica Free Academy while the latter is recovering from his recent illness.

—Some of the profs. are giving work to the sophomore class in the library. This is extremely satisfactory; as haphazard and random reading at the library has no particularly good result; but under the directing hand of a professor the student may gain information apropos to his course.

—The class of '89 has published one of the best class books that Hamilton men have produced. It contains matter that not only interests men of '89, but is "mighty interesting reading" to an undergraduate. We congratulate the class and the committee who had the matter in charge on their successful production.

—The Reverend William R. Terrett, D. D., Rogers Professor of American History in Hamilton College, was heard last evening by members of the Oneida Historical Society in Munson-Williams Memorial in a lecture entitled "The Right and Reason of the State." It was a brilliant and scholarly discussion of a timely theme. If we were asked to name the man in Oneida county who leads all others in high thought and the chaste and illuminating expression of it, we should unhesitating-

ly name Dr. Terrett. He never addresses an audience in Utica without compelling some of his hearers to lament the fact that he does not stand every Sabbath day in one of our city pulpits.—*Utica Observer*. If the venerable editor of the *Observer* were a student at Hamilton he could not have expressed more truly what every "buff and blue man" feels.

**Dr. North.**

Figures are, however, no indication of what Dr. North was to Hamilton, and still is. Probably no graduate ever went out from Clinton whose first thought connected with the college was not of "Old Greek." Dr. North has lived and worked this last half century, not through his frail looking body, but through the hands and heads and hearts of that army which has gone forth from Hamilton College to take leading places all over the country, in law, in theology, in teaching and in public life.—*School Bulletin*.

**Intercollegiate Notes.**

—A great deal of interest centers upon Yale's recent refusal to enter into more than a one-year agreement with Harvard. It may mean strained relations between these two universities.

—Michigan made against her opponents this year 501 points and was not once scored upon, winning every game.

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