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The Organ Recital.

Owing to the Thanksgiving recess, the recital was given on Tuesday this week, instead of on Wednesday as is customary. The audience was large and showed by its perfect attention that the music was enjoyed and appreciated. The Scandinavian Songs and Dances was weird in movement and harmony. It was rendered with exceptional technique and understanding. Both organ numbers were well interpreted. As the first numbers were music of a weird and unusual nature, so the last selection was particularly pleasing in its quiet simplicity and sweet melody. Its rendering was perfect and made it in some ways the most attractive number on the program. It made a fitting close to an unusually interesting recital.

The program for next week is not, as yet, prepared. However, it is understood that there is to be one number for two violins and the organ. Prof. Ebeling is to play the second part. This week's program was as follows:

1. Scandinavian Songs and Dances.
2. Chant sans Paroles. Lemare.
3. Beethoven Sonata, No. V.
4. Toccata. Bartlett.
5. Loure. Bach.
6. Adagio. Bizet.

The next recital will be on Wednesday, Nov. 30th, at 5 p. m.

The Brooklyn Alumni Dinner.

Last night the Brooklyn alumni gave a banquet in the University Club. Postal cards were sent out extending an invitation to all alumni in the following manner:

"The Hamilton College Alumni Association of Brooklyn announces that a beefsteak dinner will be given in the University Club of Brooklyn, corner of Hanson Place and South Elliott Place, on Friday evening, November 25th, at seven o'clock. Every Hamilton man residing in Brooklyn or vicinity is urged to be present and is promised a good time. Tremaine '86 and Green '96 have

spread the feast and they know how. Come directly from the office and don't bother about dinner clothes. They would be covered up anyway by the white aprons which the committee has ordained and provided. There will be no speeches and much singing. Soap boxes will be in evidence, and white caps will be worn by everybody, including Prex. The shadows of those present will be secured by flash light ere the substance fades. The foregoing will take place for \$1.50 each. Please inform the secretary immediately of your intention to be present. Warren I. Lee, Secretary, 31 Nassau Street, New York City."

Football for 1905.

The football schedule for 1905 is the next thing that the management will have under consideration. We have a few suggestions to make. Some years ago we played Trinity College and New York University. What is the matter with renewing our relations with one or both of them? When we fought our gridiron battles with N. Y. U. we found that usually we could beat them, although they had some very strong teams. It is true that N. Y. U. is much larger than we are, but that makes no difference. If we can beat them so much the better for us. They stand well in the college world and we ought to consider arranging a game with them. Trinity is smaller than Hamilton, but they also have some strong teams.

It is an excellent plan for the College to play eastern teams because Hamilton is not widely known in that section of the country.

We would also recommend the University of Vermont to the management. We ought, if possible, to put some college on our schedule whom we have never met before. It is all very nice to talk about the annual game with such and such a college, the first of the series dating back to the infant days of the game. It is, however, just as interesting to look forward to a game with a college that we have never met and whose calibre is an uncertain quantity.

The Football Dinner.

After describing the separate courses and commenting upon the toasts of a banquetting affair such as our football dinner last Saturday night, the rural editor would close with the profound statement that "everybody spent a very enjoyable evening." But to express the satisfaction and hearty pleasure of our annual football dinner in any such phraseology as the country editor is usually stocked with, would tend to eradicate the delicious reminiscences of that "big event."

It is folly to attempt a reproduction of that good time on paper. A short resume of the program must suffice.

Dinner was called at six o'clock. Between a hundred and fifty and a hundred and seventy-five men sat down to the bounties provided by Mahady at the instigation of the vigilance committee. Thanks to their faithfulness, the menu printed in LIFE last Saturday morning materialized into actual cream on toast, clams on the half-shell, trout, roast turkey, Saratoga chips, French peas, vegetable salad, rolls, ice cream, cake and black coffee.

Between the courses, the great Commons Hall resounded with mingling class yells. The several tables of Seniors vied with each other in yelling and singing. The time-honored faculty song was rendered, with an ingenious new verse added for Prof. Davenport. The verses composed for the professors who have gone out from among us, Profs. Robinson and Wilbur, were sung with as much gusto as though those professors were with us still. Old "Integer Vitae" sung in the original, recalled the strenuous spirit who taught us that Horatian ode. Carissima was sung with fervor sprung from loyal hearts.

When the cravings of the inner man were satisfied and the exuberance of good feeling and hearty fellowship had given full vent to itself in lusty yelling and vigorous song, there were cries for

"Prex." Dr. Stryker responded with words of hearty approval of this football dinner which was fast welding into custom. He hoped that until long after the massive rafters above had grown gray, there would be generations of boys kindled with the same Hamilton spirit that flowed out tonight.

Dr. Root, the Nestor of the College, was called up next. The outburst of eloquent oratory that flowed was listened to with rapt attention, and received enthusiastic applause.

"Herm" Speh, the retiring captain, was called up. His words rang with hope and spirit. He expressed appreciation for the loyalty with which the College supported the team at the Colgate game, and thanked the team for its faithfulness. Bramley, the captain-elect, responded briefly.

The College was eager to hear from Prof. Davenport, who was next called up to speak. Starting off with a story and one or two clever hits at Dr. Stryker, Prof. Davenport perceptibly captured and captivated the College. His debut into society and fellowship of the College was decided and complete.

The members of the faculty who honored the occasion with their presence were given the yell. Captain, coach, manager, yell and song leaders, and the team were given final ovations. And thus ended a successful football dinner.

The Winter Oration.

Before the Seniors fully realize it Christmas orations will be here and some of them will begin to wish that they had spent a few of those wasted moments in a little hard work on a winter oration. It is not too late even yet to get busy. The subjects are:

Forty-Third Pruyn Medal Oration—Public Office the Duty of Educated Young Men.

Forty-Second Head Prize Oration—Alexander Hamilton, 1804-1904; the Verdict of a Hundred Years.

Thirty-Third Kirkland Prize Oration—The Times and Mission of Jeremiah.

In connection with this it might be well to advise the Freshmen to start in early with their prize essays. The subjects this year are of a local character and intensely interesting, viz:

1. Legends and History of the Mohawk Valley.
2. History of the N. Y. C. & H. R. Railroad.

The Freshmen Won.

The annual Freshman-Sophomore football game played last Saturday resulted in a victory for the Freshmen. Both teams played well, considering that they had little practice, and both classes may be proud of the way in which their representatives fought. The day was fine and besides the upperclassmen, both 1907 and 1908 were out in force to urge on their men. For the Sophomores, Swetman and Kelley played the best game, and for the Freshmen, Haggerson and Holley.

At 2:30 Swetman kicked off and White brought the ball back to the 15-yard line. Then Haggerson ran around end for 35-yards. Holley punted and the Freshmen held the Sophomores and forced them to punt, Kelly kicking about 30 yards. Haggerson made another end run for 25 yards. Holley bucked the line for a 3-yard gain and then Haggerson made three 5-yard gains. The Freshmen continued to draw nearer the Sophomores' goal, but lost the ball just before time was called for the first half, neither side having scored.

Cody kicked off to the Sophomores' 5-yard line and they were held there. Kelley punted 40 yards and the Sophomores held for downs and secured the ball. They hit the line for a 5-yard and a 10-yard gain. Failing to gain, they lost the ball and the Freshmen sent White around end for a 20-yard gain. Holley, by a 30-yard gain, then made the only touchdown of the game. Holley kicked the goal.

Cody kicked off and after the Sophomores had bucked the line for 3 yards, Kelley punted 35 yards. Haggerson came back 5 yards with the ball. After another 5-yard gain the Freshmen sent Haggerson around end for 20 yards and in the next play for 40 yards. McLean and Branch broke through the Sophomores' line for a couple of 5-yard gains. The Freshmen were thrown back for a 4-yard loss just as time was called.

The line up:
Sophomores, o. Freshmen, 6.

	Left end.	White.
Meeker, (Scoon,	Left tackle.	Branch, (Jones.)
Swetman, (Capt.)	Left guard.	H. H. Holley.
Hoyt,	Center.	Cody.
G. C. Clark,	Right guard.	Kitson.
Swartz,	Right tackle.	Hemmens.
F. Barrows, (Montgomery)		

Scott,	Right end.	Allen.
Getman,	Quarterback.	Baxter, (A. H. Holley.)
Rynd, (Grossmeyer,	Left half.	Haggerson, (Capt.)
E. Clark,	Right half.	A. H. Holley, (Branch.)
P. Kelley,	Fullback.	McLean.

Outdoor Exercise vs. Gym. Work.

The following extract from "*The Amherst Student*" is worthy of the attention of the thoughtful student.

"On Sept. 23, ninety-two Freshmen were measured and weighed before they began their work on Pratt field. After five weeks of outdoor exercise and just before starting upon indoor work, measurements were taken again and the average gain was found to be one-fifth of an inch in height and seven pounds in weight. These figures are considered to be quite remarkable and the outdoor work has apparently been very beneficial."

Our suggestion is that "Uncle" John be allowed to take his Freshmen gym class out to Steuben field through football term as long as the weather will permit. Let him begin in the fall to try out the material for the following spring's track team. A solid term's training in running, hurdling and jumping would develop more latent "stars" in track athletics than are at present developed in the scant month in spring.

Aside from the advantage of outdoor exercise to our track athletics, who doubts that the large number of unathletic, undeveloped, (physically) aye, even lazy fellows, to whom vigorous exercise is distasteful, would receive more physical benefit from outdoor exercise than from going through the mechanical motions of gymnasium work?

Our point is, use the crisp, invigorating autumn days for outdoor work. Exercise in the open air. Pure air is a tonic. But when winter shuts in, then gymnasium work, because of its novelty, will be recreation and genuine exercise.

At present, with two terms it grows stale. The exercises are performed listlessly, mechanically. The vital elements of pleasure and interest are lacking.

Therefore we commend to those in charge of the gymnasium curriculum this new plan of substituting various field and track exercises during the fall term for the present system of indoor exercise.

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IT HAS always been a matter of regret with the students that we only have one day off for Thanksgiving, whereas most of the other colleges have the two following days. However, our regrets and laments have gone unheeded in the past and in all probability will continue to be thus ignored in the future. Probably we ought to be thankful for the privilege of attending classes so regularly, but few are able to see it in that light.

EXAMINATIONS NEXT.

Thanksgiving is over with and the next thing to prepare for is examination week. Three weeks of good hard bothing is ahead and woe to the man who is heedless of the approaching danger mark. The Freshmen are the ones who are in especial need of warning. They have never experienced a college term examination and perhaps do not realize that it takes a good six spot to pass. A clean bill is not given in return for football services rendered, at least not at Hamilton. It has also been ascertained, by those old in the game, that the game of bluff which is played, with a fair amount of success, during the term, is of little use during that eventful week. So cheer up, the worst is not yet here.

THE DEBATING TEAM.

After Senior debate Monday morning the class of 1905 elected a debating team that is to represent us in the contest with the College of the City of New York. The men are Speh, Beach Sullivan, and R. U. Sherman as alternate. The subject to be debated is "Resolved, that the United States Senators should be elected by the direct vote of the people."

There has been considerable comment, especially among the Juniors, regarding the method of selection. It is safe to assume that few will deny that the Juniors have just cause for complaint. As a matter of principle, it is rather hard on them to be given absolutely no voice in the selection of the debaters for the College team. But with all their distress of body and mind they would do well to consider that Dr. Stryker has the interest of the College at heart just as much as they. It is unlikely that he would advocate sending anybody to New York whom he does not regard as capable of the trust.

It is urged by some of the men of 1906 that it is not fair for them to be judged by the work Sophomore year while the Seniors are being judged by the present. This argument seems to be perfectly justifiable. Dr. Stryker had the Junior class in debate last term, and this term has the Seniors. At the time of the election he gave the Seniors to understand that he believed the four best debaters in College to be among their number. Whether or not he was justified in making this statement will be revealed in the interclass debate.

The Football Season.

The football season of 1904 is ended. Though in its final consummation it was unexpectedly disappointing, in every other respect it was successful and praiseworthy. The team, notwithstanding all the disadvantages it labored under, proved itself worthy of the heartiest support of the College, and that support was tendered in a measure beyond all praise. Of these two things there can be no doubt, the spirit of the players and the spirit of the student body.

True, we lost our three big games and among them suffered an overwhelming but not humiliating defeat from our old-time rival up the valley. But we were good losers. Against Cornell the team put up a strong versatile game that won words of credit from all. Against Williams we showed that as far as skill and science went we had the better team, but our strength waned before the overpowering odds of weight and muscle. Colgate in the ultimate reckoning outclassed us. As long as our strength stood by us we were there with the goods, and by pure nerve and dash fought that magnificent team to a standstill. But better even than that first half-hour was the undying grit with which our crippled

team stuck to its colors to the bitter end, though it was all over but the yelling.

The side-line support at Albany was fine, after the game it was still better. On Steuben field it was superb, even to pathos. As long as that enthusiasm and devotion is given and deserved, we need have no fears for the future. It must have seemed good to Speh, to Turner, to the team and to every son of Hamilton who saw or heard of it. Though our sun set upon a field of carnage, it set in glory. This is not the place to laud the individual merits of the team. They all did well. To the seniors whom we lose—Speh, Stowell, Sherman and Thompson—belong all credit for their labors so well past. To the persistency and hard work of the scrub goes appreciation in full meed, and to Coach Turner. To the future we can look with naught but hope and confidence for success.

Sophomores 23. Freshmen 12.

On Monday evening the Sophomores defeated the Freshmen in the first of the series of interclass basket-ball games. The Sophomores, although they had not been together before and some of them had not even been on the floor this season, played a remarkable game. Their passing and guarding were excellent, their only fault being in throwing baskets. Time after time possible chances to score were cast aside on account of the poor goal throwing of their forwards. The Freshmen, although they had been practicing weekly, did not display any team work, Baxter and Holley scoring all their points. Weeks played an excellent floor game, keeping his man well guarded at all stages of the game. The next game will be played Monday evening between the Seniors and Juniors. The line-up was as follows.

Sophomores.		Freshmen.
	Center.	Sherman.
P. Kelly,		
	Forwards.	Baxter.
J. Kelly,		Miller-Henderson.
Kuolt,	Guards.	
		Weeks.
Newton,		Holmes-Holley.
Schwartz,		
Goals—Schwartz 4, J. Kelly 2, P. Kelly 1, Kuolt 2, Newton 1, Baxter 3, Holley 1. Goals from fouls—Newton 3, Baxter 4. Referee—Sherman, '06. Umpire—McIntyre, '05. Time of halves 20 minutes.		

Prof. Ibbotson Entertains.

Prof. Ibbotson entertained the Seniors again last week Friday. Shakespere was discussed at some length, jokes were cracked, and the men enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Prof. Ibbotson is a good entertainer and his invitations are appreciated.

The Prize Stories.

The attention of the story writers is called to the fact that the *Lit.* competition closes the first of December, which is next Thursday. Those who are competing must hand their productions to the *Lit.* Board on or before that date. Remember, there is a money prize for some one.

The Buttinskies.

Monday night the Buttinskies were entertained by "Bob" Hayes at his home in the village. Did they have a good time? Well, as a matter of fact, it is generally conceded that when that famous quartet assembles a good time is sure to follow. Their only regret is that "Bob" does not entertain every night. Miss Simms, of Herkimer; Miss Caldwell, of Clinton; Miss Bagg and Miss Childs, of Utica, helped to make the occasion one of complete enjoyment.

The "Lit."

The November *Lit.*, which has been delayed by unavoidable circumstances, will be issued, it is expected, on Monday. The number is of exceptional interest.

Y. M. C. A. and Church.

The Y. M. C. A. meeting tomorrow will be an informal Thanksgiving service. Those who are on the Hill over Sunday are urged to be present and help in the singing.

At the communion service of the College church last Sunday, the accession to the church membership was unusually large. Most of the accessions were from the Freshman class. Mr. E. S. Babcock, the Librarian, was received into membership upon confession of faith. Melrose, '06, and Scoon, '07, were installed as class elders. Dr. Stryker conducted both the preparatory service on Friday evening and also presided at the communion service.

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College Notes.

—"Dave" Peet, '03, spent Thanksgiving on the Hill.

—Farmer, ex-'07, was present at the football dinner last Saturday night.

—Prof. Root lectured to the Sophomores Wednesday on the history of mathematics.

—"Bill" Rood, (after the chair has rendered a passage in the Agricola,) "That is correct, Professor."

—Browning, the printer, has found a knife with the initials and date "W. D. R., 1901". The owner can have the knife by calling at his office.

—Several cuts were given by members of the faculty during the past week. Cuts are always welcome. There is little danger that any student will complain about not getting his money's worth from the College.

—The College is glad to welcome Getman who has returned to the ranks of '07. We are sorry that "Jake" missed the football season. The Sophomore-Freshmen game showed that he has not forgotten how to play the game.

—The short address by the chair after noon chapel last Saturday was direct and to the point. We believe that it was a just and fair criticism of the conduct of the chapel. Yes, the College begs off on "thoughtlessness", just as the writer of the caustic editorial supposes.

—No longer will the Sophomores burn the midnight oil while they "pip" Dutch sentences. For '07 this pleasure

is past. The final review came Monday. Did we say final? Well, there are a few of the fellows who will have another chance to display their knowledge of Dutch.

—Some of the fellows on the Hill were treated to an unusual sight one day last week. A certain dignified member of the faculty coasted down from the Arbor on his wheel. His feet, elevated nearly to the handle bars, called to mind the Sophomores' ejaculation of "Oh, for a paddle!"

—The Sophomore Hop Committee figures a loss of forty dollars. A college dance given down town has never paid expenses, so the class of 1907 should not place the blame on the committee, but come cheerfully forward and make up the deficit as other classes have done in the past.

—Judging from the game of Monday night the interclass basket-ball series of this season will be unusually close and interesting. Reinforced by the Kelly brothers the Sophomores have a strong team and will put up a hard fight to defeat the Juniors, notwithstanding the fact that the latter have four of last year's varsity.

—Among those who have recently returned to resume duties on the Hill is "Ute." This strong and lusty member of the canine race has been spending the past four months with Hutton, '04, at the latter's home in Corning. Early in the summer "Ute" broke his leg, but recovered in time to establish a good fighting record in Corning.

—Over half the College escaped from the Hill Wednesday and sought the fire-side at home. Visions of roast turkey are too much for the average youth in college, who lives on sole leather steak and billiard ball doughnuts. A few returned to College Friday, but the greater share will remain home till Monday. Blessed be he who instituted the cut system.

—One thing was very forcibly brought out by the basket-ball game between the Freshmen and Sophomores, and that is the lack of a good yell for the class of 1908. The Sophomores could not be blamed for scurrying them, when their poor parody on 1907's yell came out. If they have no committee on yells, one should be organized immediately and something original be done in that line.

—The men are working hard at basket-ball. Sicard, LeMunyan and Bramley, of last year's varsity, have reported and are doing good work. The Sopho-

more-Freshmen game showed that the two underclasses have some 'varsity timber. Captain Sherman though not entirely recovered from injuries received during the football season is practicing regularly with the men and will be in shape before the important games.

—It is with considerable interest that the students boarding at the Commons note the entrance of a member of the faculty who orders the "regular dinner." The steward, casting aside the question of economy, actually gives the honored guest an excellent repast, the innocent faculty member thinking, "Well, well, the boys certainly are lucky to get board like this." Meanwhile "the boys" glare savagely, with eyes of a greenish hue. "Would that I were one of the faculty," is the vain and mournful lament.

—For some reason the customary "gym." show after the Sophomore-Freshmen basket-ball game was omitted on Monday night. Much to the general surprise the Sophomores won and a celebration would have been in order, but as it turned out there was nothing done. A few interpret this to lack of class spirit on the part of the Sophomores, but we think this an unjust criticism. We believe the truth of the matter is simply this, the college saw so much rowing, gym. showing and "making the night hideous" early in the term, that the upper class, desiring some sleep before exam. time, rather frowned on a step which would again start the two under classes on the war-path. Rowing is a good thing, taken moderately, but it soon gets to be an old story.

—A gay young Junior thinking that his position as an upperclassman would protect him, prevailed upon an innocent Freshman to take a short walk of 26 miles to Herkimer, last Sunday. Two others had promised their company, but after the football dinner Saturday night they decided that their interests lay on the Hill and not in Herkimer. Accordingly at 5:30 Sunday morning two ghostly figures were seen stealing down the Hill. Nine o'clock found them in Utica, highly elated over their success. At 12 they were in Frankfort plodding along with a "don't-care-if-I-never-get-back" air acquired from the careful perusal of 10 miles of trolley track. Almost exhausted, they ate dinner in Ilion. Somewhat refreshed, they continued their walk. "They rambled all around, in and out the towns" of Ilion and Mohawk and finally at 3 p. m. struck

the Main St. of Herkimer. Here their troubles ceased and did not recommence until the foot of College Hill was reached at 10 that night. However, all things have an end, and so finally they forgot their woes in sleep. They were marked for two days, however, by the gingerly way with which they walked across the campus and the "pained expression" which accompanied any sudden movement on their part.

Among the Colleges.

Word has been received from the St. Louis Exposition that the Johns Hopkins University exhibit has been awarded the Grand Prize. The official announcement of awards for departments will be received later.

The Harvard Law School Association is about to publish a report of its celebration held last June. It will be in book form and will contain speeches delivered before the association by Hon. W. H. Taft, Chief Justice Fuller, President Eliott and other noted men.

The statistics of New York University show the total number of alumni to be 17,000, an average of 225 a year for the seventy-five years since the founding. For the last five years, however, the average number of graduates has been 345 a year.

The question for the annual Brown-Dartmouth debate to be held in January, is "Resolved, that it would be advantageous to the United States to admit Canadian coal and lumber free of duty." The trial debate for the Brown team will be held Nov. 22, and a prize of \$40 will be awarded to the man making the best showing.

The secretary of the Columbia committee for the employment of students has issued his report covering the earnings of Columbia students this summer. The total amount earned by the 226 men who have handed in statements was \$36,697.95, of this \$18,202.94 was made by students through the aid of the committee, and \$18,495.01 independently.

A novel plan has been entered into by the University of Pennsylvania, Cornell and Columbia for their intercollegiate debate. It is that each of these universities shall debate the other two on the same night, the same subject being debated in each instance. This scheme requires that each university be represented by two teams, one of which debates its opponents at home and the other in the latter's city.

The *Columbia Spectator* has published

a list showing the number of Columbia graduates who are holding positions in institutions of higher learning throughout the country. There are 162 colleges, universities, and technical schools where Columbia men are lecturing, on Columbia's faculty there are 250 of her own graduates, on Yale's faculty there are 12 Columbia men, on Harvard's 5, and on Chicago University's 9.

—An order at California that all students should march into the classrooms was followed by a big riot. A rather startling sequel was the letter sent by President Wheeler to a great many leaders of the rioters, suspending them and requesting them to make written reports explaining their actions. President Wheeler declares that he is acting under directions from the War Department.

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