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News from Alumni in Europe.

We are always glad to hear from the alumni, and especially from those whom we as undergraduates have known in College. An interesting letter from E. W. Triess, '01, who is studying in the University at Muchen, brings news of a few of Hamilton's sons who are across the water. The writer tells of his experience as follows:

"On the 22nd of August, (1903), I landed in Rotterdam, a quaint and queer place, with the brass head-dresses, dog carts, and wooden shoes. Everything is in miniature. The people seem only to play at work, but never get down to it. The old land of wind mills impressed me like pictures of fairy land that I remember from childhood. From Rotterdam I went to the Hague, where I saw the peace tribunal and the museums. From the Hague to Amsterdam, where I saw the art treasures of Rubens, Rembrandt, and Potter; the zoological gardens; the Zuider Zee; et cetera. Thence went to Antwerp, climbed the Notre Dame tower, and saw more of Rubens and VanDyke. Thence to Brussels. The attraction here was the Palais de Justice and the museums. Much impressed with the beauty of the city itself. We (Keith, '03, and myself) also smuggled our way into a great wedding where some royal man was married to some royal lady. We staid until the collection was being taken up and then got out. Our next stop was at Koln. Here we saw the famous cathedral; and after a stay of a day we took the Rhine boat for Maintz. Was not disappointed in the Rhine, as so many are; but because of the historic and legendary lore clustered about all the points of interest, I found it even more charming than the Hudson.

From Maintz, Keith went to Hanover, where he entered a private school in order to learn German; I came straight to Munchen. Went up to Kurfursten Strasse, and found Sweet, ('01). Sweet

has been having hard luck for some time. Ever since he returned from Naples the fellow has not been well. While there he had a case of "gelb sucht" as the doctor calls it and he never really recovered from the attack. When I found him he had been ailing all summer, unable to do any work and in extremely low spirits. About six weeks ago he was taken to his bed and until a week ago he has been under the doctor's care. Yet at present he is at work again in the laboratory; and Prof. Hertwig assures him that with work and good luck and health, he will be able to get his degree at the end of this semester. Sweet is a good fellow and a hard worker; has the reputation among the students of being one of Hertwig's most capable men."

Triess then goes on to speak of his work in the university. He is taking an advanced course in German language and literature, with Anglo-Saxon and Gothic. He expects to stay in Germany about a year and then return to this country to re-enter his work of teaching.

The Basket-ball Schedule.

Below is the basket-ball schedule as it stands at present: Hamilton vs. U. F. A. at Clinton, Jan. 16; open date, Jan. 23; Hamilton vs. Washington Continentals at Schenectady, Jan. 30; Hamilton vs. Potsdam Normal at Clinton, Feb. 3; Hamilton vs. Colgate at Hamilton, Feb. 5; Hamilton vs. Rochester at Rochester, Feb. 19; Hamilton vs. St. Lawrence at Clinton, Feb. 25; Hamilton vs. Williams at Utica, Mar. 4; Hamilton vs. Colgate at Clinton, Mar. 5.

The remainder of the games in the inter-class series will be played as follows: 1905 vs. 1904, Jan. 9; 1906 vs. 1904, Jan. 13; 1907 vs. 1905, Jan. 20; 1907 vs. 1906, Jan. 22.

For the third week of January games had been arranged with Cornell and Cortland Athletics, but unfortunately they were forced to cancel.

New Ideas in Scurf Posters.

Once more the sophomores and freshmen have exchanged compliments and best wishes, by means of posters, booklets, etc. The literature is characterized by the usual display of assininity and cheap wit. The freshmen issued a neat little booklet entitled "Rusty Rubes," which is written in praise of the "famous heroes and illustrious deeds" of the class of 1906. Some of the members of the class are extensively scurfed in a few selected quotations, and in a number of editorials of some length. "A Fable," in the form of poetry—though it is a disgrace to the muses—is spread over a whole page. "The Baseball Game" purports to be a truthful account of the inter-class game of last October. Several characteristic illustrations are scattered here and there. The freshman poster is a large cardboard bearing the artistic conception of a jackass, built in the Gothic style, carrying '07 in the figure of a devil. The sophomores pasted the town with green posters representing a slimy pool in which the members of '07 are enjoying a swim. Instead of a booklet the sophomores got out a very original game called "Slippery Slide for Slimers." It consists of a large cardboard with an arrow in the corner to spin, and a series of numbered spaces joined together to make a journey from "Home, mamma and the cradle" to college and back again. Rumor has it that the freshmen had considerable difficulty in preserving their posters from their enemies, and as nothing but sophomore posters are in sight, rumor for once doubtless spoke truly.

Mail Schedule.

	A. M.	P. M.
Monday,	6:45	4:45
Tuesday,	6:45	4:45
Wednesday,	6:45	4:45
Thursday,	9:00	4:45
Friday,	6:45	4:45
Saturday,	6:45	4:45

Prof. Fitch's Report.

A summary of the report of Prof. Fitch, treasurer of the Athletic Association, follows:

Balances to credit of several funds:	
General fund.....	\$107 20
Basket-ball.....	70 77
Baseball.....	83 80
Track Athletics.....	67 68
Tennis.....	50
Glee and Instrumental Clubs.....	29 79
Football (deficit).....	317 99
A few items in the football account follow:	
Balance June 25, 1903.....	\$324 78
Guarantees.....	600 00
Gate receipts.....	254 33
Loan to Track.....	125 65
Faculty and alumni subscriptions:	
T. D. Catlin, \$10; C. A. Butler, \$10; H. H. Benedict, \$10; W. E. Lewis, \$10; J. S. Sherman, \$10; G. E. Dunham, \$10; F. H. Gouge, \$10; F. M. Calder, \$10; W. C. Sanger, \$10; C. B. Rogers, \$10; Jos. Rudd, \$10; A. S. Hatch, \$10; M. W. Stryker, \$10; Jas. McKee, \$5; E. S. Durkee, \$3; A. D. Morrill, \$5; F. H. Wood, \$5; W. P. Shepard, \$5; D. L. Ebeling, \$3; Spencer Kellogg, \$10.....	
	181 00
Subscriptions:	
Seniors.....	91 00
Juniors.....	96 00
Sophomores.....	76 50
Freshmen.....	77 50
Total receipts.....	\$1863 77
Disbursements:	
Coach to Nov. 1.....	\$500 00
Guarantees.....	285 00
Supplies.....	153 15
Trip to New York.....	235 85
" Union.....	67 67
" Rochester.....	128 30
" Williamstown.....	210 30
" Colgate.....	37 20
Bills unpaid.....	335 19

Total disbursements for football \$2198 96

N. B.—Only important items are included in the above and the items do not pretend to foot up the totals.

—A number of the fellows will try the state civil service examinations for rodmen and chainmen to be employed on the barge canal construction. There are five hundred applications and forty-five positions to be filled. The examinations will be held in Utica the 17th of January.

How About Trips ?

It is time now for some news concerning the trips of the musical clubs. The College is anxious to know what towns are to be visited, so that they can write to their friends in advance and make sure that the men have a good time while away. The manager has kept his dates secret so long that it seems as though the College body by this time should receive his report. As a reward to the members and an advertisement for the College, we ought to take an extensive trip this year. The clubs are undoubtedly the best we have had in years, and it is the correct order of events that we make good use of them.

The Winter Debates.

"Resolved, That the interests of civilization demand that Russia should be prevented, by force, if necessary, from further extending her boundaries."

This is the question for the inter-class debate of January 19, the Columbia debate of February 22 and the debate with Cornell, to be held in March. For the inter-class debate the juniors have chosen the affirmative. The debaters are: Seniors—Carr, Collins, Sisson, Toll. Juniors—Beach, McIntyre, Speh, Sullivan. From these eight debaters three will be chosen to represent the College against Columbia. It is probable that the same three will debate with Cornell. Columbia has not yet chosen a side, but whichever she chooses will be taken by Cornell. The Cornell debate will be held in the Hamilton chapel.

An obvious comment on the above arrangement is that the same question will have been debated once at Hamilton before the Cornell debate is held. Even in the hands of brilliant debaters, (the bouncer will kindly remove the fellow who laughed), of brilliant debaters, I repeat, the question will be a trifle stale. It was necessary to repeat it, however, as the men who make team will not have time to prepare two debates. Would it not have been possible to select two good teams from the Kirkland Debating Society? Opinions differ as to this. No one will doubt, however, that such a plan would give more men experience in inter-collegiate debating. Of course Hamilton's chance of winning might be lessened, but, even so, are we not amateurs? Do we not play the game because we love the sport?

Good Work.

Much speculation has been rife ever since College opened last fall as to whether or not the workmen would get the roof over Carnegie Hall this winter. Finally the arduous task has been accomplished. Wednesday the last board was in place and the last piece of roofing paper fitted. Notwithstanding the hard luck experienced by the workmen, they have not been discouraged. They realized how essential it was to get that roof on. Now when the heating apparatus is in position the work may go merrily on with a good prospect of having the building ready for occupants at the opening of College next fall.

The All-Collegiates.

The proposed trip of this team was carried out very successfully during the early part of December and the holidays. There are a number of games yet to be played, among them a game with the Washington Continentals in Utica, and a four days' trip into Massachusetts. Following are the scores of games to date:

Nov. 23, All-Collegiates 16, Hamilton 14, (exhibition), Nov. 26, All-Collegiates 13, Herkimer 34, Dec. 1, All-Collegiates 22, Cortland 35, Dec. 2, All-Collegiates 23, Lestershire 15, Dec. 4, All-Collegiates 14, Little Falls 17, Dec. 5, All-Collegiates 33, Frankfort 25, Dec. 17, All-Collegiates 26, Satterlee's, of Fort Edwards 24, Dec. 18, All-Collegiates 16, Glens Falls Y. M. C. A. 11, Dec. 19, All-Collegiates 7, Washington Continentals 17, Dec. 24, All-Collegiates 12, Hoosick Falls Sep. Co. 32, Dec. 25, All-Collegiates 15, Washington Continentals at Amsterdam 30, Jan. 1, All-Collegiates 22, Co. F of South Norwalk, Conn. 10, Jan. 2, All-Collegiates 8, Mt. Vernon high school alumni 12, Jan. 4, All-Collegiates 28, Mt. Vernon high school 10.

The following men have thus far played in one or more games with the Collegiates: Forwards—Adams, (capt.), and Gainsway, U. F. A.; T. Sherman and Kault, Hamilton; Stark, Little Falls. Centers—Leary, Colgate; Lowery and Nichols, U. F. A.; Rhoades, Mt. Vernon. Guards—Coffey, N. Y. U.; Williams, capt. of Hobart; Brennan, Georgetown; Leon, Little Falls; Quinn, Cortland; Jones, Colgate Academy; Thompson, Thomas and Weaver, U. F. A.; Risley and Moore, Clinton. The team has traveled about 1700 miles so far, and is considerably ahead financially. A. S. Davis, '04, is managing the team.

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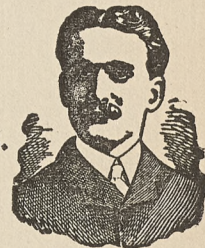
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THE college has once more reconvened from a pleasant and restful vacation. Now that every man's affairs are settled and running smoothly, each student should prepare to aid and push with all his renewed strength the problems and undertakings which must be considered this term. With basket-ball, the glee clubs, sophomore "Hop," junior week, the indoor exhibition, and another college dinner at the Hall of Commons, to say nothing of the many social clubs which will soon be in full swing, every undergraduate can find some place where an energetic helper is needed.

THE DECEMBER "LIT."

In some respects this issue of the Literary Magazine is the most valuable ever issued. It contains the entire address of Dr. Johnson, delivered at Dr. North's Memorial, Nov. 19, 1903. In this oration is summed up accurately and picturesquely the character of that man whose memory is so honored and revered by us all. No man in college should be without this address, for here will be preserved and handed down the incidents of this life so dear to all alumni and undergraduates.

RECOLLECTIONS

OF ELIHU ROOT.

This is the title of a very interesting article written by R. W. Vincent, '04, and published in the Harper's Weekly of Dec. 26. Mr. Vincent in his description of Mr. Root's early life and surroundings touches scenes familiar to all Hamilton men. He tells of the old Root homestead, now the Museum, together with Mr. Root association with such scholars as the Rev. Dr. Upson and Dr. C. H. F. Peters. Then follows

reminiscences by several of Mr. Root's classmates concerning college incidents in which Mr. Root figured prominently. He impresses on the reader the fact that Mr. Root acquired all his education in small institutions, and to this attributes his successes. Such articles concerning our illustrious alumni will do much to keep Hamilton ever before the public.

NOW FOR THE GLEE CLUB.

Monday afternoon the Glee Club under the direction of Leader Carr will begin its work in earnest. Each man who desires a place on this club should make up his mind to help turn out an organization of which the College may be justly proud. Last year this department of our college activity surpassed all previous efforts in the musical line, but we can still improve. To insure a continuance and growth of our success all must lend their aid. Every singer in college should see that he does not cut one rehearsal. The time has now come when each practice means much, and with only a partial attendance no benefit is derived. A full club at all rehearsals is necessary to insure the results required. The management will secure the services of some competent director who will quickly whip the men in shape. We have more at stake than ever before, for our good name so firmly established last year must be upheld, even surpassed.

WILL SWEETLAND COME BACK

Frequent inquiries are made regarding our chances of securing Sweetland again for football coach. At a meeting held shortly before college closed the Advisory Board authorized the expenditure of five hundred dollars for a coach and Dr. Stryker made the proposition that he would guarantee two hundred dollars more if we could get Mr. Sweetland. The management has made the offer but as yet no definite answer has been received. Since leaving Hamilton Mr. Sweetland has received several offers, among which were propositions from Cornell and Syracuse. The latter college seems to be especially anxious to get back their old coach and the newspapers have made the statement several times that he was coming. However, these are only rumors and we know from last year's experience that they are not always well-founded. Mr. Sweetland wrote this past week that he had made no application to Syracuse for a position and did not intend to do so.

He said also that he hoped to coach Hamilton if he coached any team at all. The question in Mr. Sweetland's mind seems to be whether or not he will do any more football coaching. Every man in college hopes he will not give up coaching until he has tried one more season at Hamilton. All that is possible will be done to get him and in the meantime we will wish for the best.

More Prizes For Soper Theses.

Wicks, '04, has won the Soper prize of \$75 for the best thesis on the "History of the Protective Tariff from 1880 to 1900." Prof. Dixon, of Dartmouth College, was the committee on awards.

After the announcement was made, Post and Collins, '04, held a meeting and pledged themselves to endow a fund, out of their first month's earnings, the interest on which is to buy a consolation prize, to cost not less than fifty cents, and a booby prize, to cost not over ten cents; said prizes to be awarded respectively to the second and third contestants in the Soper thesis contest. Speaking of this project, after the meeting, Mr. Post told a reporter of LIFE that he and Mr. Collins consider it unjust to allow any well-meaning student to litter up his medulla oblongata, with tariff schedules on wool and pig iron, without some compensating revenue from internal sources. Suggestions for medal designs may be left with the janitor.

The Sophomore Hop.

There is to be a sophomore hop this year on the evening of January 20th in Society Hall. This college dance has been omitted by most classes because of its alleged conflict with "junior." The sophomores have decided to hold a hop this year, although they have no idea of running any opposition to the prom., which is more formal and has precedence over any other dance of winter term. The hop is to be simple and informal. The committee are making no pretentious arrangements but merely planning to hold a dance where we can have a good time. Inasmuch as it is to be of this nature it seems worthy of support and it's up to the College to support it. An informal dance each year is a good thing and we will enjoy it. If we want this custom of a sophomore hop kept alive in Hamilton, now is our time to show our desire. Remember Society Hall, January 20th. Tickets \$1.50.

A Basket-ball Coach.

The basket-ball season has now opened in earnest and it behooves every man in college to loyally support management, team and coach. As to the coach a word might not be out of place. The college is to be congratulated on having at its disposal the services of Warren J. MacLaughlin, 1901, for a couple of weeks. Basket-ball has always sadly needed a coach and now we have one, an experienced player, a tried coach, and a thing most important, one of our own men imbued with the spirit which has made our teams victorious in the past. Under the direction of Mr. MacLaughlin the team is being drilled in passing, dodging and scientific play. The squad of candidates is fairly large but there is room at both top and bottom. Every man who can play should get out now while the team is yet in its formative stage so that the coach and Captain Sherman may have a large number of men to pick from. Now that we have a coach the whole college can hardly do less than turn in and lend their utmost aid towards the culmination of a successful season.

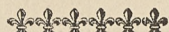
Mrs. Rhodes' Lecture.

"Parsifal" has become a much discussed topic of the day, since Conried has presented this famous opera of Wagner's at the Metropolitan in New York. Everybody should know something about the author, the opera and the circumstances of its writing and production. On January 16th, at 3 p. m., Mrs. Rhodes, the great lecturer, who has been lecturing all over the country and is now on her way to New York, will speak at the New Century Club Auditorium in Utica, on the subject "Parsifal." The lecture will be made especially enjoyable by music, and stereopticon views of scenes from Wagner's life, and of the presentation at Bayreuth. The tickets are priced at 75c. and \$1.00.

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Trains arrive at Clinton from Utica, 8:30 a. m., 12:40 p. m., 5:24 p. m., 11:50 p. m. From Rome, 8:20 a. m., 5:10 p. m. From South, 7:50 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 2:40 p. m., 6:25 p. m.

Local Notes.

- Rood, ex '06, has entered 1907.
- Carnegie Hall at last has a roof.
- Soper and Farmer, '07, have left college.
- Sherman, '06, played with the All-Collegiates this vacation.
- Clinton was decorated with green posters Wednesday morning.
- "Prex." objects to having green games passed around in chapel.
- Roosa, '06, spent a part of his vacation at Vernon with McLean, '06.
- The freshmen left college last term with their baggage suitably labeled.
- Elbert McCulloch, Yale '05, spent several days on the Hill with Evans, '05.
- Dean, '05, has been prevented by serious illness from returning to College.
- The junior basket-ball team is wearing white jerseys bearing blue numerals.
- Miller, '07, although detained at his home by illness, will soon return to College.
- The Junior Whist Club will hold its first meeting at the D. K. E. house next Friday evening.
- Several fellows did not come back until Wednesday night, thinking College opened Thursday.
- The freshmen each received a game called "Slippery Slide for Slimers," from the sophomores last Wednesday.
- Hoffman, '04, has left College, having accepted a position as tutor to a nephew of Col. Wm. Cary Sanger.
- The manager of freshman basket-ball has arranged quite an extensive schedule with neighboring prep. schools.

—Work for the musical clubs will begin next week and all men must be out to get the club in shape for some good trips.

—Little red postals were mailed to 1906 last term, telling of the magazine which came out at the opening of the term.

—All those who have not yet procured season tickets for the inter-class basket-ball games can obtain them from the manager.

—Dickinson, '05, will not enter College until later in the term. He was operated upon for appendicitis during the holidays.

—Kinney, '06, having accepted employment in a large warehouse in Chicago, has severed his connection with the College.

—Sherman, '04, was a delegate to the 77th convention of the Sigma Phi held in New York at the Waldorf-Astoria on January 4th.

—Several delinquent examinations failed to take place according to schedule because the professors were detained by late trains.

—The freshmen posters failed to appear at the beginning of the term. The reason is known to the sophomores. The majority of the scurf books shared the same fate.

—Root, '05, has been compelled to leave college for this term because of ear trouble. On account of this enforced absence he has resigned from the Hamiltonian board and in his place Stowell, '05, has been appointed. He will assume the position of advertising manager.

—One has only to compare the pictures in the two last editions of the Record to see what a difference a few trees make in the appearance of the campus. We are proud of these trees and are sorry to see any of them cut down. This week one more has fallen and one for which there seems to be no particular reason. Perhaps it is none of our business, but we should like to know "why."

—This year the college lost fewer men than usual by the "flunking out" process but quite a few have decided to give up college for other reasons. This is the term when the weeding process takes place and it is not very surprising that so many men have dropped out. Every college loses a large number of its students every year and Hamilton must lose her share. Still we are sorry to miss the men but we wish them success in their new undertakings.

—The delay which has been experienced in obtaining text books is not the fault of the one in charge of the store. There was negligence on the part of the wholesale house in making the shipment.

—The new Commons furnishes a good place for committee meetings when the Y. M. C. A. building is occupied. There is a fire in the fire-place almost every night and plenty of chairs at hand. It might also be a good idea for the fellows to get together here occasionally for a sing. We have no place which would answer the purpose as well.

Clark Prize Competitors.

The following nineteen men are entitled to write "K. P." orations: Abbott, Carter, Collins, D. Dowling, R. Dowling, Edgerton, Ehret, Evans, Knox, Town, Miner, Pratt, Sisson, Smith, Strickland, Soper, M. White, R. White, Wicks.

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All juniors are urged to have their pictures taken as soon as possible that the cuts may be made for the Hamiltonian. The board hopes to get the book out on time this year, but to do this the other students must be prompt in doing their share. Within a few days there will be posted a schedule so that the various societies and clubs can arrange for their pictures. A few students are now writing for the book and the board will be pleased to have others try.

The Date of the Prom.

The Junior Prom. committee was appointed during the past week and have already begun their work. The date of the Prom. has been set for February 11th and the fraternities may arrange their receptions accordingly. The Faculty have not said yet how many days they will give us but the rumor has been current that we are to have one day without any classes provided the fraternities will agree to shorten dance week one day. Such a concession will mean that all the fraternities can not give dances Junior week. This is a matter which will have to be decided before the faculty will agree to give us a day of vacation. It will be a sacrifice on our part and also a gain. The committee have also decided to raise the price of tickets to five dollars, one dollar more than it was last year. This step seems to be justified in view of the

fact that the committee of '04 lost money. So far there have been no threats of expulsion from the gym. and we hope there will be none. Music will be furnished by Gartland as usual if he can be obtained for that time.

The committee is divided as follows: Music, Wright; decoration, Kingsley, Crumb; refreshments, Loftis, Rogers; printing, Munger, Beach; patronesses, Paton. Loftis was chosen as chairman of the committee.

In Favor of a Dramatic Club.

LIFE has at various times advocated the formation of a dramatic club. As winter term begins, and as the weather confines us to our rooms, we certainly have more time to ourselves, more time which might be devoted to some worthy cause. In the college body are many men who have the requisite talent for the stage. Other colleges of our size support an organization of this kind, and why should Hamilton be found lacking? It may be urged by those opposed to this scheme, that our time is taken up with various activities of college so that we have no time for dramatics. In the first place such an idea is a mistake because there is not a man in college who could not devote one evening each week for the support of such a project. Then a dramatic club would take very little time. Each man would have a part to learn and then these parts would need perhaps a half-dozen rehearsals. Dramatics ought to be revived. If an organization should be started this year and did no more than give one performance during Prom. week, it would be a success. We need some such thing for entertaining our friends in February.

Now, merely talking and writing about a club will not form one. It needs some fellow who is interested in this idea to do something. Let someone call a meeting to find out what can be done. If such a club is deemed advisable, it should be organized at once.

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