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Basket-Ball.

The practice for basket-ball has been begun in good shape, but there should be more men out to try for the team. Even though we do not all make a position this season we ought to lend our aid in making the fastest team Hamilton has ever produced. Aside from the regular college games, there will be class games during the winter. These will increase the interest of the student body in the sport and give some good fun to fellows who may not now get a place on the regular five.

It is just as imperative that one should train in basket-ball as in football. So as to give the College the most credit all players should train conscientiously throughout the season, which extends but a few days over six weeks.

We are to have some first-class games in the Gym., beginning with Hobart, January 18, and ending with Allegheny College, March 6.

Now, fellows, lets drop in at the Gym. during practice once in a while to show the men who are working that the College is interested in and appreciates their exertions. We can not win games by merely being spectators whenever one is going on. Our presence is needed at the practice, as in foot-ball. The thing that carries our colors through the latter to success will produce the same result when applied to the former.

The schedule of home games follows:

Jan. 18—Hobart College.

Feb. 3—Potsdam Normal.

" 6—Syracuse University.

" 13—Colgate University.

" 17—Keuka College.

" 24—R. P. I.

Mar. 3—St. Lawrence University.

" 6—Allegheny College.

The games away from the Hill will be: Colgate, January 23, Syracuse, January 27, Rochester, February 8, with probable games at Hobart and Keuka, January 25 and 26, respectively.

The College.

The December number of the *Educational Review* has a great article on "The College", by President Hyde of Bowdoin. He divides all institutions into the following groups, viz: "The school, the school-college, the real college, the university college, and the university. The school, he says, in spite of all the sugar coated education, must be essentially a grind on facts and principles, the full significance of which the child cannot appreciate. The school college admits its students poorly prepared and gives them the work they ought to have done in school. The university presupposes the enlarged mind. Its professors are specialists.

"The real college requires as a condition of admission that the work of the school shall be done thoroughly, such school work as its requirements for admission permitted, to be postponed until after admission to college, must be done there in the hard, exacting school way. There is nothing about a college atmosphere that can make analytical geometry easy, or the irregular French verbs fascinating, or German prose sentences intelligible without grammar."

As to the college and religion President Hyde says: "Denominations may lay the eggs of colleges, church schools are often conspicuous successes, church colleges are usually conspicuous failures, a church university is a contradiction in terms, a college which is not Christian is no college at all."

Further he says that in the university the teaching is largely vicarious and so learning becomes vicarious. Even athletics become so. The exertions of the elegant idlers become confined mainly to the lungs and the pocketbook. The teaching and discipline of the college fits neither the immature or the mature; but the youth who are passing from immaturity to maturity. But it is the system that turns out as a rule royal alumni, moral citizens, Christian men.

Bible Study Institute.

On Saturday and Sunday, January 14th and 15th, will be held the first joint Bible Study Institute of Colgate University and Hamilton College. The idea of having such an institute originated at the Northfield Student Conference of last summer, where G. M. Day, '05, president of the Hamilton Y. M. C. A., and F. M. Hubbard, president of the Colgate Y. M. C. A., conferred with Mr. W. T. Diack, New York State Secretary of Student Work. The experiment was thought feasible, so the preliminary arrangements were made. Hamilton College was selected for the place, and the first Saturday and Sunday of winter term selected for the time. Mr. Diack was secured to conduct the institute.

The institute consists first of a conference of Bible Study Class leaders, at which papers on assigned topics will be read, followed by discussion; the second phase of the institute is the public meetings on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon in Silliman Hall, and the Sunday morning address in the College Chapel. To these public meetings the College and general public are most cordially invited.

The object of the institute is to discuss the problems connected with effective and systematic Bible study, and to have the value and importance of personal Bible study ably presented by speakers chosen from the faculties of the two colleges. Dr. Riggs, of Auburn Seminary, kindly consented to make the address on Sunday morning, and also to make the final address of the institute in Silliman Hall on Sunday afternoon.

A strong delegation is expected from Colgate, and several delegates from Union College have been invited to attend the institute.

Below is given the program of the four sessions of the institute:

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.
3:30—Reception to Delegates.

4:15—Devotional Service, led by Mr. Walter T. Diack, New York State Secretary of Student Work.

4:20—Conference: 1. The Field for Bible Study in the Two Colleges, F. M. Hubbard, Colgate; G. M. Day, Hamilton. 2. The Qualifications of a Leader and the Principles of Teaching, Prof. Wood, Hamilton. 3. Best Methods of Enlisting Men in Fraternity and Other Bible Study Groups, W. H. Wheatley, Colgate. 4. Method of Maintaining Attendance, J. J. Weber, Hamilton.

5:30—Adjournment.

EVENING.

7:30—Devotional Service, led by Prof. Davenport.

7:35—Address: "The Place of the Bible in Literature," Prof. Crawshaw, Colgate.

7:50—Address: "The Bible as an Evangelistic Agency," Prof. White, Hamilton.

8:10—Address: "The Bible's Place in General Culture as a Means of Discipline in the Use of English," President Stryker.

8:30—Music—Quartet.

8:35—Address: "The Need, Importance and Benefit of Personal Bible Study," Prof. Brigham, Colgate.

9:00—Adjournment.

SUNDAY MORNING.

10:30—Address: "The Claims of the Bible upon College Men," Dr. Riggs, Auburn Seminary.

AFTERNOON.

4:00—Devotional Exercises, led by Prof. Wood.

4:05—Opening Exercises.

4:15—Morning Watch, Mr. Diack.

4:30—Address: "How May the Bible Become a Factor in Spiritual Growth?" Dr. Riggs.

5:00—Adjournment of Institute.

Alumni Banquet.

Alumni and friends of Hamilton College are invited to attend the Thirty-Seventh Annual Dinner, which will be given at the Hotel Astor, Broadway, Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Streets, New York, on Thursday, January 26, 1905, at 6:30 p. m.

All graduates and former students of Hamilton College are earnestly invited to be present.

The Executive Committee presents the following questions for discussion by the speakers:

"The world's greatest need from the standpoint of the clergyman, the lawyer, the physician, the editor, the educator

and the humorist." The speakers will be Rev. George William Knox, D. D., '74; Hon. Charles Henry Truax, LL. D., '67; George Emerson Brewer, M. D., '81; George Wheeler Hinman, Ph. D., '84; Rev. Melancthon Woolsey Stryker, D. D., '72, and Rev. William Alvin Bartlett, D. D., '52, in the order named.

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Choral Instruction.

On Monday evening next, and on every other Monday evening thereafter for a number of weeks, an opportunity will be given to all students, who so desire, to learn something of the art of choral singing.

Mr. Robert J. Hughes, a Hamilton

graduate, who is one of the owners and instructors of the Utica Conservatory of Music, has been engaged to drill the chorus, and that he is entirely competent, goes without saying. A brilliant singer, the possessor of a magnificent tenor voice, and a teacher of wide experience, he should produce a good chorus, one that will reflect credit on all its participants and on the College in general.

Mr. Hughes will have full power to do as he sees fit in instructing this chorus, and may exercise his own discretion in all matters pertaining to its training. Seven-thirty is the time set for the class, and all men are requested to be present promptly on time.

Let every man avail himself of this opportunity, as it will greatly benefit the singing in chapel, and there is yet much to be desired in this respect.

The Glee Club also would derive untold benefit from this extra practice under the direction of a leader such as Mr. Hughes.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance especially to the College men, of practice in vocal music. It is preeminently the fortune of College men to be able to sing. There are the College songs, which the general consensus of opinion agrees, can be sung only by College men, and in proportion as they are the better able to render them, so much the more are their interests advanced.

Remember fellows! Monday evenings at half after seven o'clock.

The Prom. Committee.

Thursday evening the Junior Prom. committee held a meeting and set Thursday, March 2nd, as the date for this annual event. This is somewhat later than usual. The fact that the debate with the College of the City of New York and the musical clubs' trip takes place in February, makes this change advisable. The committee in charge are: Nellis, chairman, P. Miller, Tanner, DeWitt, Bennett, Thompson, Heacock, and Stryker.

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THE NEW YORK DEBATE.

The debate between Hamilton and the College of the City of New York will be held at Mendelssohn Hall, New York, on the evening of February 24th. The Hamilton team, composed of Speh, Sullivan, Beach, and Sherman as alternate, are bending their energies toward the work in hand with a view of a victorious outcome. However, the team from the New York college will not fall easy victims. The class of students that attend the College of the City of New York have the reputation of being keen debaters and we will do better than we realize if we win.

OCCASIONALLY officers and committees chosen by the student body or by the classes make mistakes and when this happens it is the duty of those officers or committees which follow to see to it that they do not make the same mistakes. In this particular instance we refer to the procedure of the Junior Prom. committee last year. At that time it was the desire of the men chosen to give a dance better in some respects than had been given before, and thinking that the cost of these improvements would justify the charge, they raised the price of Prom. tickets from four to five dollars. After the dance it was found that there was a surplus above all expenses and then the committee made another mistake in dividing this money among themselves instead of turning it into the athletic treasury as had been the custom with previous Junior committees when there was a surplus. It is clear that the committee was not justified in raising the price unless it ex-

pected to use the additional money, for the Prom. has never been given for the sake of making money. The thing to do after it was found that the estimates made were wrong, was to give the money to athletics, as has been said. We are not criticising the members of that committee personally; it is the precedent which they have established of which we disapprove. This article would seem to be raking up old scores unnecessarily, were it not that the Prom. is so near and the new committee will have to set the prices for the tickets. We are all anxious to have a dance and the College is willing to pay a fair price for value received, but we do not think that it is willing to contribute money in this way for any benevolent purposes.

Alumni Gatherings.

The past three weeks has been a season of reunions on the part of many of the alumni in different sections of the country. On the evening of December 28th the alumni of Buffalo had a banquet. Thirty-five were present. It was an informal affair and the favorite college songs were sung with much enthusiasm. Hotchkiss, '86, presided.

On December 22d the Northwestern Association met at Kinsley's, Chicago. Curran, '92, acted as presiding officer. Prof. Frank H. Wood represented the faculty. The following were present: Allen, '50, Arnold, '85, Baldwin, '56, Beach, '53, Benton, '56, Boisot, '77, Brandt, '89, Curran, '92, Catlin, '57, Catlin, '01, Carskadden, '51, Dickinson, '04, Frost, '71, the Holleys, '08, Haggerson, '08, Head, '50, Hubbard, '50, Hicok, '01, Jenkins, '64, Johnson, '57, Johnston, '01, King, '85, Miller, '90, Morron, '59, Montrose, '87, Smelzer, '03, Simmons, '08, Soper, '94, Soper, '08, Woley, '87, Willard, '92, Hutchins, '88.

The Alumni Association of Brooklyn held its dinner at the Brooklyn University Club on Friday evening, December 30th. The speeches were made by Dr. George Knox, '74, Bassett, '84, Holmes, '06, Beach, '05, and several others. Clinton Scollard, '81, read a poem. Engs, '83, is president, and Lee, '09, secretary. January 3rd the Binghamton Alumni Association held a reunion and banquet at the Arlington. Hand, '72, was toastmaster. In addition to the alumni there were about ten undergraduates present. Toasts were responded to by Hitchcock, '79, Mintz, '01, Speh, '05, Fletcher, '92, and Dr. Stryker, '72.

About Lectures.

The course of lectures which Prof. Shepard is to give in Romance Literature is a step in the right direction. Unfortunately in the matter of lectures our endowment is entirely inadequate and our only hope is that the faculty may see their way clear to lecture on subjects primarily connected with their respective departments and get subjects which in their generalities at least belong to general information. The average man can get as much out of a few interesting talks on interesting topics as he can by "bohning" a couple of text books from cover to cover.

A good lecture course is one of our crying needs. Without a proper and liberal foundation it is but an unattainable mirage. Under the circumstances it is up to the faculty to help us out and give us lectures. They can do it if they will. Prof. Shepard has started the ball rolling; and the College appreciates his offer. As we all know he is brilliantly master of his subject, always has something to say, and when he says it he does so in a way whose piquancy and pertinence lends new interest. We look for a large attendance.

Electric Light Prospects.

Since College closed the new electric light company has been busy setting up new poles, fixing the cross pieces and preparing to give light to the village. The injunction which was served against the village was not allowed by the Judge, before whom it was brought, and the company is now free to go ahead unless new trouble arises. But with all this good luck for the village the Hill does not seem to be destined to share it, at least not for some time to come. In the first place before any new poles are set it will be necessary for the various crowds to make some kind of an agreement with the company to take its electricity so long as the rates are reasonable. This they would probably be willing to do, for all are anxious for lights. The question of using the old telephone poles has been discussed, but so far no decision has been reached. It is probable that all wires on or near the campus will have to be put underground. The people on the Hill have agreed to stand by the company instead of accepting any terms from the old company and it would seem that it would be to the best interest of the new company as well as to those who have electric lights to get the poles and wires up the Hill as soon as possible.

Scurf Publications.

The annual curiosity over the scurf posters, and other forms of literature published at the beginning of the new year, was satisfied on Wednesday morning. Both Sophomores and Freshmen gave evidence of having been busy with paste and brush the night before college opened. Old South as usual was plastered with the products of both publishing houses. However, the posters of this year were below par, and were much inferior to those of last year.

The ingenuity of the Freshmen publishers was exercised in their booklet, entitled "Rusty Brayings". It is open to much favorable comment, and to considerable adverse criticism. It contains the usual scurfs on the more conspicuous members of the Sophomore class, also a number of apt cartoons, of which the graveyard of the "Rusties' Defeats" on the last page of the booklet is both pointed and artistic.

The chronicles of 1907 describing their football defeat in the inter-class game, is the cleverest production of the book. Some of the features meriting criticism are the rankness of the epithets employed in the "Roll of Honor of 1907". Some of the knocks were over harsh, and entirely defeated their object, which is good-natured raillery and an exhibition of wit.

The test of a good scurf publication is whether it provokes the laughter of a disinterested reader. If the humor and wit are genuine, they will be appreciated outside the College. For obvious reasons upperclassmen would hardly care to send the Freshman booklet home to friends, for exhaustive reading, as a sample of clever scurfing.

The Sophomores surprised the College by their originality. Their "stunt" was a pack of cards enclosed in a paste-board case. Each card contained the name of a Freshman and his pedigree from the Sophomore standpoint. The quoted sayings and idiosyncrasies of the younger class were ingeniously collected and recorded. The back of the cards were decorated with the picture of an innocent babe, clutching his bottle, and labeled '08, while a stork was bearing him skyward, having plucked him from the water. With the exception of a card or two, the whole bunch was a creditable display of humor and genial "scurfing".

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College Notes.

—Ross, ex-'07, expects to return to College sometime this term and will enter the class of 1908.

—The *Lit.* prize story was published in the December number. The winner was Clarence M. Trippe, '07.

—The souvenirs passed out by the Sophomores Wednesday morning are not being substituted for the regular playing cards of old.

—The usual number of men made the mistake of supposing that College opened on Thursday. Hence many were a day late in returning.

—The class of 1905 has always entered into the prize essay contests with vim. The number of contestants for the winter orations shows that their interest in writing is not on the wane.

—The following men have been appointed members of the Junior Prom. committee: Nellis, chairman, Bennett, Heacock, Stryker, DeWitt, Thompson, Miller, Tanner.

—The January *Record* is out. The main feature is the Soper Prize Thesis, won by Frank C. Beach, '05. The thesis is on "The Iron and Steel Industries as Illustrating Protection."

—Contrary to expectations the Freshman class survived the term examinations without the loss of a man. In fact their members have been increased by the addition of four new men.

—Durkee, '03, Brandt and Tennant, '04, have visited the Hill during the past vacation.

—A large number of Sophomores have elected Applied Trig. Unless several drop the spring term there will be a lack of apparatus for class work.

—A meeting of all candidates for baseball will be held in the chapel after the regular Saturday noon exercises. Captain Ferris requests that all men who intend to come out will be present at this meeting. Indoor practice will probably be commenced next week.

—Some of the Freshmen who were unfortunate enough to have entrance conditions are bemoaning the fact that they still have them. They were not officially notified of the fact that they were expected to take examinations Tuesday. As a result only those who were forewarned by others more experienced in delinquency examinations were on hand.

—On Monday evening at 7:30 the first lesson in a course of instruction in singing, by Prof. Robert James Hughes, of Utica, will be held in the chapel. This series will be of great benefit to the College and will improve the singing, both in chapel and at the athletic games. Prof. Hughes is at the head of the Conservatory of Music in Utica, and a man of large reputation. This course is not compulsory, but it is to be hoped that every man in College will take advantage of the opportunity offered for the improvement of a phase of College life of which we have ever been proud.

Musical Clubs.

In comparing the methods and the trips of our musical clubs with those of other colleges, it would seem to a layman that there is something wrong with our general policy.

To begin with, why should our club still be in a state of preparation, one might say of preliminary preparation? Other colleges have their trips well over by this time. Not that we recommend mere imitation of other colleges, but this time element ought to be influenced by several facts. The time to strike a town with a college production is when college men are there, especially, of course, undergraduates. That time is Christmas vacation. Everybody gets interested in college affairs just because college men are around, and the crowd will pour in and pour the shekels out far

better than at any other time of the year. Then too, the theatre crowds are still growing and haven't got into the rut that they reach later in the season.

Again, the musical clubs are above all other organizations an advertisement for the College, though perhaps the authorities may be disinclined to show favor to them on that score. So what's the use of booking dates at little one-horse towns which you must reach by stage? Why not book the larger towns? Other colleges can and do. Either we haven't tried or haven't persevered. There are almost always in a town some organizations under whose auspices the club could show, at least with a guarantee of expenses. At any rate aside from means what we want is advertisement in the larger towns. Our clubs are good and we needn't be afraid of an unfavorable comparison, if all the latent talent is brought out as it might be by an early beginning.

It seems probable that more leeway in the matter of cuts, etc., would be secured from the faculty, if such dates could be booked and played. We are willing to admit advantages to the present system perchance, but confess we don't see them.

K. P. Subjects.

The subjects for the fiftieth Clark Prize Competition are as follows:

1. The Clark Prize in Hamilton College.
2. The Elements of Oratorical Power.
3. Present-day Values of Oratory.
4. Influence of Oratory in American History.
5. The Oratory of the Old Testament.
6. The Art of the Apostle Paul in Public Speech.
7. Burke and Chatham—Orators of English Freedom.
8. The Human Voice.

The Fayerweather Will.

The current issue of the *Record*, in speaking of the Fayerweather will, has the following: "The contention favoring the colleges has been upheld. Of course all of our graduates have noted this, and are now asking what portion will ultimately come to our treasury. Just what will this be? It will not be any such sum as the frequent items in the newspapers assert; that is, nothing at all resembling \$250,000. What any of the beneficiary colleges will get is yet un-

certain; for the final accounting will have a huge bill of expenses to reckon with. Offsetting this, however, let it be remembered that the residual estate has been accumulating for several years. To all the colleges, of which Hamilton is one, which have received part-payment (under earlier decisions), it is now a great relief not to fear the necessity of restoring the amounts thus received. That would indeed have been a cruel result had the case gone otherwise. That which it remains for us to get under the present status will probably be about \$20,000, and may be somewhat more than this. Through all this protracted dispute our side has had the Hon. Elihu Root, '64, at the very firing line to counsel and to plead. It was he who made the final argument at Washington. Indeed, he deserves well of all our hearts, for this latest service to the College of his love."

Musical Schedule.

On Thursday evening the Mandolin Club held a rehearsal and with a bit more practice should prove acceptable to prospective audiences. The Glee Club also is fast rounding into shape and should be well prepared by the early part of next month, when the first concert by the clubs will be held in Clinton. A good schedule has been arranged by the management. Beginning with the concert of Jan. 31st, in Clinton, the schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 3—Vernon,
- 7—Waterville.
- 15—Oneida.
- 16—Seneca Falls.
- 17—Geneva.
- 18—Elmira.

In addition to these, there are two dates that are yet under consideration; one at Utica and the other at Herkimer. If these materialize they will be held sometime between the dates of Feb. 7-15.

Among the Colleges.

The University of Cincinnati is considering the plan of having all students wear caps and gowns on the campus, as is done in many foreign universities.

The American Rhodes scholarship students showed up well in the recent freshman sports at Oxford. Schutt, the former Cornell runner, won the half-mile and the two-mile runs.

The faculty of Northwestern has decided to give college credit to those

students who make the glee club. This plan has brought out a great many candidates to try for the club.

Princeton University has lost five valuable men from last year's track team whose places it will be hard to fill from the new material. Several good men who were debarred on account of scholarship last year will be eligible, however,

so that the team may be able to make a good attempt at maintaining its former standard. The five members of last year's team who were lost by graduation are ex-Capt. L. H. Adsit, distance runner; J. R. DeWitt, in the weights; J. N. Carter, in the hurdles; G. Fox, Jr., in the broad jump, and G. M. Goldsmith, quarter-miler.

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