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U. F. A. 18, Hamilton 7,

Hamilton opened her basket-ball season Wednesday evening, meeting Utica Free Academy. The game began with a rush and for several minutes there was sharp, hard work with honors easy. Then Adams scored on a foul and Utica was never headed. As the game progressed it became rough, and it would seem needlessly so, both teams offending frequently.

Utica won a deserved victory. She played a fast, snappy game throughout. Her passing was excellent, her team work good. She covered well and her men seemed to have an eye for the basket which Hamilton found hard to locate. This was Hamilton's chief difficulty. She had chances, but was unable to take advantage of them. At times her passing was sharp and accurate and again it was wild and ineffective. She seemed a trifle slow and her passing might have been much better. But taken as a whole and considering that this is the first game, the showing was not too bad. There is material and there is evidence of team work. A game or two will aid much in putting the team into shape and this game should prove very beneficial.

For Utica, Adams and Gainsway excelled, Adams making 8 of the 18 points scored. Their all-round work was highly creditable. Kelly did the major part of the work for Hamilton, making 6 of the 7 points. His basket thrown late in the first half was a difficult one, and was the star play of the game. Bramley also did well. The line up:

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| U. F. A. (18). | | Hamilton (7). |
| | Forwards. | |
| Nichols. | | Sherman. |
| Gainsway. | | Kelly. |
| | Centre. | |
| Adams. | | Roosa. |
| | Guards. | |
| Thompson. | | Mangan. |
| Simmons. | | Bramley. |

Referee, Hunter (H); umpires, Peet (H), Griffin (U); timekeeper, Jones, (H). Baskets, Adams 4, Kelly 3, Nichols 2, Gainsway 1, Thompson 1; from fouls, Gainsway 2, Mangan 1. Time, 15 minute halves.

The Scurf Poster.

"A scurf poster is a pathetic attempt at being witty. The remarkable thing this year is the apparent lack of interest in the posters. The custom is gradually dying out. It is now kept up by the fact that it is a custom, and, like certain kinds of cheese, has grown strong with age." Thus writes an undergraduate of Hamilton College for the *Utica Press*. Thus he eulogizes the custom of this Hill. Thus he brings before the public such a fair picture of our "petty quarrels" as he terms them. When a man, just for the sake of filling space on a daily newspaper, so describes the custom of the two underclasses in issuing posters at the beginning of winter term, he abdicates all right as a reporter of the college news.

When the scurf poster was originated, way back in the years, it was only a cheap sheet posted in the vicinity of the college. From that time, this publication has developed into something quite elaborate in comparison to former attempts. It now appears usually in pamphlet form, well written, well executed. Furthermore, its purpose is good. It very often so ridicules a man that that person is improved by the mere display of his idiosyncrasies to the student body.

We do not attempt to defend those sheets that are scattered about town, but we do wish to refute the statements of a member of Hamilton College that the custom is on the decline, that interest is on the wane, that the matter is among the "other ridiculous pranks that have no place in this enlightened age."

"STUDENT."

—The Theta Delta Chi House has lately been wired for electricity.

The Prom.

The Junior prom. committee has been appointed and consists of Judd, chairman, Hutton, Smith, Carr, Wicks, Pratt, Dowling and McGaffin. The Prom. committee announces that Junior will be held upon the 19th of February, on Thursday evening in the Gym. The committee is well chosen and promises to give the college the best social time of its life, and to conduct affairs so as to be of credit to themselves, their class, and the college. They brought before the junior class last Wednesday for consideration, a scheme which seems very plausible. They suggest that whatever be the net proceeds of the dance they be put into a fund to be used to procure a false floor suitable for placing in the hall of Commons, which will have its floor built of tile, for future college dances and thereby increase the convenience and appointments for future dances. Provided the hall of Commons can be procured for college social functions, this scheme is well worth considering.

Right here it might be well to speak a word about the Prom. itself. Not only for the benefit of the freshmen, but for the college in general. The college dances are just as much a part of the college life and are just as vital and just as necessary to the esteem in which we are held, as athletics or any other of our functions. A man should feel himself bound just as firmly to attend the college dances as the college games. They are both phases from college life and both need the support, and the whole-hearted support, of the college body to be made successful. It is a mere matter of expense as to whether a man attends all the dances; but surely every man even and ought to attend at least one of them. So let every man bend his energy toward coming to this Junior, and make it the biggest success the college has ever known.

—Find out from Stuart '03, whether the book store does business on Sunday.

The Cheermaster.

In a series of lessons on football, run by the Chicago *Tribune*, one of the best is that on the "Cheermaster." It follows:

"The cheermaster is the fellow who causes the old grads to look at each other and say, 'Were we ever like that?' In appearance the cheermaster resembles the front of a box at the horse show. As to hair, he must look like an Anarchist deprived of beer.

"The uninitiated may recognize the cheermaster at a glance. He is the chap that helps the captain peel off his sweater, pats him on the shoulder and says: 'For the love of dear old alma mater, do your best.' This, regardless of the fact that that captain has forgotten his two flunks and three conditions, and is thinking only how he can gouge the eyeball out of the man who jumped on his stomach the season before.

"After he has encouraged the team the cheermaster takes his stand on the front rail of the grandstand, armed with a flag tied to a cane. He then gives an imitation of a Plymouth Rock rooster flapping its wings, and as his arms move up and down, the Kankakee chorus in the seats in front of him yelps. This is repeated until the last touchdown.

"Meanwhile the rival cheermaster has been conducting a rival asylum. The cheermaster is supposed to make his bug-house orchestra drown out the other. This is difficult when the score is 0 to 38, and most of the members of the chorus are wondering whether the governor will stand for another touch to replace the \$8 bet lost. The cheermaster who can keep the noise going under these circumstances deserves better than to hear the remarks that are made about him by non-collegians as they are leaving the grounds.

"After a game the cheermaster is allowed to rub down the half back and carry the tackle's grip. The rest of the night he must steady himself against the bar and try, in a hoarse voice, to explain to twenty-nine howling dervishes of the opposition how his team really was the better, but had tough luck."

A Landmark Gone.

The great elm on the old Anderson lot has been cut down. It was seriously damaged by two successive attacks of the tent-caterpillars a few years ago. It was a noble tree and will be missed by many.

The Reading Room.

Did you ever realize that one of the greatest benefits you are getting here is the Y. M. C. A. reading room? Here you can gain in every tangible form the the world's events in newspaper, digest, magazine, criticism, or editorial. You can apply your ever broadening scope of perception of the world and its actions to its doings up to date. And best of all we have the best and broadest papers represented. There you can read an editorial from the *Sun*, a digest from the *Public Opinion*, can get a clear sharp view of great questions of the day from *Life* in its cartoons and satires, a literary criticism from the *Bookman*, or a topic of vital public interest treated by the best adapted minds of the world in the *North American Review*. In short it is the place where recreation and profitable work can be continued without detriment to either and without loss of valuable time.

More "Justice."

Notices from the village authorities have been received by the presidents of the under classes stating that unless all traces of the "scurf" posters are removed the guilty parties will be summoned to Court. We may be favored with a little more "justice" from the justice of the peace and those "high in authority" at Clinton.

Prohibition Study Club.

Shall we send a man to Hamilton to compete for the prize in oratory? You may learn the terms at a meeting which will be called next week. If no interest is shown, the matter must be dropped. But remember, Campbell took the prize for us in 1901, at Syracuse.

Church and Y. M. C. A.

Those who wish to unite with the College Church and are members elsewhere, should write at once for their letters. Surely it is well for all church members to present at least letters of recommendation, becoming thus recognized fellows with the disciples of Christ on the Hill.

At the meeting Sunday afternoon, Jan. 18, Mr. A. T. Eddy will be the speaker. This is not our old friend from Yale; but he comes well recommended and we wish him a large audience.

N. Y. Alumni Meet.

On Saturday evening last, the New York Alumni Association of Hamilton met at the Hotel Manhattan, New York City. The speakers were President Stryker, former State Senator J. S. Fassett, Dr. W. A. Bartlett, R. C. S. Drummond, '01, Elihu Root, jr., and E. Porter, '45. Dr. Stryker spoke in opposition to the proposition by the president of Columbia University, favoring a college degree of bachelor of arts after a course of two years study.

Other Colleges.

—*Munsey's* for January contains an interesting article on Bowdoin.

—Out of 27 men in Colgate's football squad all but five gained in weight during the training season.

—In Iowa University a secret fraternity is being formed. Its membership is limited to those who have won the football "I."

—During the commencement week next summer Wesleyan will observe the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Wesley.

—The General Electric Company of Schenectady, has offered Union a gift sufficient to completely equip her electrical laboratory and to help pay salaries for the next five years. C. P. Steinmetz, special electrical expert for the company, is to oversee the course in electrical engineering.

Do You Read?

There is a fiction club in this college and it would be well if every student realized this. For the trivial consideration of one dollar, you may become a member of this club. See Prof. Post about it. A few more members will greatly aid the club and augment the number of books at its command. It is a good investment. Join the Fiction Club.

Chess Club.

The tournament of the winter is being played. Preliminaries end today. The four men coming out best will be our team against Syracuse unless some member of the club can displace one by beating him on challenge two out of three. The committee on furnishings has provided another table and set of men, which are now in the Y. M. C. A. rooms ready for use.

Winter Orations, Awards.

The awards in the winter orations were announced in chapel yesterday as follows: Forty-first Prun Medal Oration, on the subject The Problem of Education in our Southern States, to Paul Harper; the Fortieth Head Prize Oration, on the subject Alexander Hamilton the Mentor of the First Administration, to Elihu Root, jr.; the Thirty-first Kirkland Prize Oration, on the subject The Optimism of the Hebrew Prophets, to Theodore H. Burgess.

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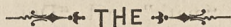
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BASKET-BALL.

The first game of basket-ball was certainly unsatisfactory, but it should not for a minute be discouraging. The season is all ahead of us; and good, hard practice should develop a strong team. Let each one do what he can to help the captain and the team to make it a successful season.

TRACK MEN, THIS WAY!

Uncle John and Captain Jones of the track team say it is none to early to begin thinking about the following schedule: May 11, Interclass field day; May 16, Wesleyan at Albany; May 23, Colgate at Hamilton; May 30, Intercollegiate at Utica. They are right it is a hard schedule and one worth a deal of attention. After noon-chapel next Wednesday Captain Jones will call a meeting of those directly interested in this department for a discussion of the *modus operandi*. No man should miss this opportunity! We understand that the candidates will be advised principally to take light gym work and limber up by use of the running track. There will probably be no important restrictions on smoking and late hours till after Junior Week. We must have that pennant next spring, and it would be the height of discourtesy to allow Wesleyan an easy victory; so we must begin now to make this year's track team a winner. It is good to remember that a man cannot do all his training in four weeks.

DON'T BE A WET BLANKET.

The Tompkins prize examinations in mathematics for the last two years have revealed a new interest in that course on the Hill. The present senior class was the first in about twenty years to claim all the medals offered, and this

performance was repeated by the present juniors. Last year and this year the competition for first place was so close as to cause considerable embarrassment to the adjudicating committee. For years and years past the freshman has been filled with a terrible dread of mathematics, and has been advised to look forward to the emancipation proclamation of a successful "analytics" "exam." in fall term. Such ill-advice is a handicap to the credulous freshman, who in all probability proceeds to acquire an intense hatred against this really valuable part of the college course. We speak of this because we believe the improved showing in the prize examinations goes hand in hand with a present tendency to discountenance such traditional reports of terrible courses in "math" and "Dutch" and ethics. If you cannot do your own work, don't discourage someone else in his.

POSTER ABUSES.

The "scurf poster" business of this year gives promise of considerable notoriety. To many the affair may seem a merely trivial matter; but really the people of Clinton have a claim against us for infringement of the law. These bills pasted on telephone poles, store windows and buildings are an eyesore. And what is worse, the paste and paper is there to stay. On a brick building down town, opposite the *Courier* office, the surface is noticeably stained, and will remain so, until it receives a new coat of paint. Of course such injuries are by no means malicious, or even intentional; but they are nevertheless to be censured as careless and thoughtless. We would not allow a villager to disfigure our buildings. The villagers are not to be blamed for objecting to disfiguration of their property. Now the obvious preventive against a reoccurrence of this nuisance, is to abandon the poster side of the "scurfing" and if the custom is still deemed advisable, to confine all the attention to the booklets.

Not a Health-food Ad!

Who would deny that a healthy and vigorous body is one of the pleasures of life? Then why not have one? What sense can there be in going around worn out and half dead from what you say is overwork, though if the truth be known it is really lack of exercise. No true business man can afford to neglect his

health in order to accomplish a "little more work." In the end it results in loss in accomplishment and an exhausted constitution. Consider the number of men today who are laboring incessantly, without a moment's let-up for recreation. They have not the slightest thought for their health. They have an "iron constitution" and time spent in exercise is time wasted. Thus they think. But could these same men know how many years they are cutting out of their short life, and how much suffering will result, they might be induced to change their course. But, you say, what has this to do with college men? It is this. There is no better time to reform your habits than now. The habits formed here in college are habits likely to stay with you through life. If you have become accustomed to taking exercise each day then the chances are you will continue to do so after graduating. But if on the other hand you have neglected all this, get to work at once and start a reform.

For many of us here in college the means are so near at hand that we do not appreciate them. Were there no gym nor athletic field, then every fellow here would kick because it was impossible for him to take any exercise. However, with the present facilities no such excuse can be offered. In the fall and winter terms the freshmen and sophomores have gymnasium instruction under "Uncle John." And to those excelling in the work special inducements are offered in the shape of taking part in the mid-winter exhibitions. It is only to be regretted that gymnasium work is not required of juniors and seniors.

In the fall term, besides gymnasium work there is football practice, in which anyone is at liberty to take part. The results accruing from this game are inestimable in value, so far as concerns the physique of the player.

In the spring, though there is no gym work, there are things to take its place. For instance, every man should try himself on the track. Many of the world's best athletes are men who little dreamed they could do anything on the track until their power was accidentally discovered. If after giving yourself a thorough examination, you find you can do nothing on the track, try the diamond. Possibly you can develop into a baseball player. But even if you fail in every department of athletics, do not be discouraged. Pick out some sport for which you have the greatest preference

and indulge in that. Perhaps running is as helpful as any. Whatever it is, work at it, and though you may never make a mark in the athletic world, you will have strengthened your body and added several years to your short life.

1906 vs. People of Clinton.

Once again a lawsuit is threatened against a class in college by the people of Clinton on the charge of defacement of property, as they choose to call it. The fresh, scurf posters are the innocent cause of all the trouble.

It would seem that the plaintiffs having compelled a settlement from 1904 for the painting done within the township a year ago, which affair the class would gladly have paid for if the damage had been truly rated, are in the over-confidence of victors determined to push any pretext whatsoever for a similar gain. Now is the time to make a decided stand against such overbearing actions. If they are allowed to continue the time will come when college men will not be allowed the common freedom of the streets. The town people seem to forget that the college makes Clinton. Take our institution away and see where the villarge would be. It would exist of course, but that is all that could be promised. It is to be hoped that they have not entirely lost their sense of gratitude. Suppose they are not in sympathy with all our pranks, suppose some of our actions seem foolish and without purpose in their eyes, still most of the inhabitants of this vicinity have lived here long enough to realize the significance attached to these "stunts" and consequently should be charitable. We must have our flings occasionally; the traditions of the college must be preserved; and why not? Are we to be confined to our hill top with no diversions, with no opportunities of exercising ourselves beyond a certain exacting limit? Such a state of affairs does not seem reasonable nor desirable.

Such unhappy occurrences as these suits cannot but stir up a hostile feeling between the fellows on the hill and the people of Clinton. Many students in college live in towm. This fact alone should foster a mutual friendship. If they will treat us as college men, approaching us in a friendly, rather than a hostile manner, they will not find us backward in reciprocating.

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College Notes.

—Root '05 has re-entered college.
 —Mann, ex-'05, will re-enter college with '06 next fall.
 —Edwin Blakely, of Otego, visited the Hill Wednesday.
 —Heacok has returned to college and taken up work with '06.
 —Berry '02, principal at Remsen, was back on the hill a day or two last week.
 —The January number of the Record has a fine compilation of football facts.
 —Several new electric lights have been placed along the Hill during vacation time.
 —A club for the study of Shakespeare has been organized among the sophomores.
 —When it comes to young ladies' basketball playing, Clinton is too swift for Rome.
 —Uncle John is beginning to get the fellows in shape for the midwinter exhibition.
 —The chess tournament between Syracuse and Hamilton will be held on February 7.
 —Bullard, ex-'04, is doing social settlement work in the lower part of New York city.
 —"Little Greek" was ill at the opening of the term, but he is now meeting his classes.
 —Robinson, formerly of the sophomore class, has entered the freshman class at Yale.
 —Dr. Squires visited Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, N. Y., during the past week.
 —"Pop" Weber tried to tell "Little Greek" the other day about Plutarch's "Life of Christ."
 —The trolley system was somewhat crippled Wednesday by a fire in one of the power houses.
 —Duncan, ex-'06, who has been sick with pneumonia at Dr. Barrows', is again able to be about.
 —Some men work four years for a sheep-skin; McGaffin bought his at the store.
 —"Schnitz" says to Root '06, in German class, "Uebersetzen Sie." Root immediately sits down.
 —Duncan and Brown of the freshmen dropped out of college as result of fall term exams. They will re-enter in '07 next fall.

—Richardson '05, won second prize in the state chess tournament held in Utica during vacation time.

—A track meet between Wesleyan and Hamilton has been arranged to be held at Albany on May 16.

—A. S. Davis was manager of an "All Collegiate Basket Ball Team," which took a trip during the past vacation.

—Young "Prex" delivered a seven-minute passionate and striking declamation in Wednesday chapel. Too long!

—R. W. Rymer, who coached the football team one and two years ago, is studying law in the office of R. H. Patterson, at Scranton, Pa.

—The first concert of the Glee and Instrumental Clubs will be held in Scollard Opera House sometime during the latter part of January.

—Strickland, '04 tries to shut "Bill Squires" out of Philosophy, but John is worsted and is dragged into the building by the professor.

—Several coasting parties have taken place on the Hill during the past week. The Houghton seniors gave one on Wednesday night.

—Wardwell '05, who has been compelled to leave college for a time on account of the illness of his father, will re-enter next term.

—Scovel '04, discussed very appropriately in Saturday noon chapel the amount of time which should be consumed in a college course.

—Patton '05 and Downey '05 appeared in chapel on Wednesday morning as pink pajama boys. Indications point toward a D. T. C. initiation.

—"Windy" discoursed recently on the word "crustula," which means "little bits." Crumb '05, took it as a personal reference and blushed profusely.

—"An Historical Sketch of Hamilton College," is for sale at the book store. It is a volume which every undergraduate may peruse to great advantage.

—The members of the football team of last fall have blossomed out in their new sweaters on which the "H's" are somewhat different in style from those of former years.

—The Y. M. C. A. have decided to hold a reception in Sillimen Hall on one of the afternoons of Prom. week. This certainly will be a very pleasant affair. The Glee and Instrumental Clubs will entertain in the Chapel on Thursday afternoon and a basket ball game between the University of Pennsylvania and Hamilton is now under consideration for another afternoon.

—The principal business before the college meeting today is the election of a new sophomore representative and a new assistant-manager of baseball.

—Say, fellows! be a little more cordial. Don't go around like sticks on the campus. Say hello! when you pass a fellow; look pleasant; be sociable; thaw out. Display college fellowship a little more.

—It is a remarkable fact that far off in the library of Leland Stanford University, California, M. G. Dodge, formerly of Hamilton College, discovered the deeds for patents of land granted to Rev. Samuel Kirkland in 1790.

—The sophomores regret keenly the loss of Mann and Robinson. Mann will be seriously missed on the track next spring. Robinson was assistant baseball manager and Mann was class representative on the Advisory Board.

—"Bib" and Jordan '05, have become noticeably intimate and familiar, inasmuch that in classroom the professor calls Jordan, Peter. But Jordan has not indulged in the same privilege toward "Bib", at least not in the classroom.

—We think that there must be a large number of fellows in college who have never seen a cast at the furnace at Franklin Springs. This is a sight well worth seeing, and now that it is under operation again, each man ought not to miss the opportunity.

—At the meeting of the Modern Language Association at Baltimore during the holidays, Hamilton College was represented by Professors H. C. G. Brandt and W. P. Shepard. Professor A. W. Boesche '97, of Rutgers College, was also there. Professor Brandt also attended the meeting of the Folklore Society at Washington.

—On Friday morning of last week the awards from the Tompkins' Mathematical prize examination were given in chapel. R. U. Sherman gained first prize, Montague White, second, and medals were awarded to Messrs Abbott, Schermerhorn, Tibbitts, Toll. The marks of Sherman and White were very close, the former being 99.9 per cent., and the latter 99.4.

IT IS understood that a number of the books in the English library in Language Hall have been held out since last term. Men who allow their love of literature to interfere with the rights of others in this respect ought to be buried under their borrowed books.

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NEXT WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS.

Attractions for week beginning Jan. 19.
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Wednesday—"Zaza." Prices, 25, 50, 75, \$1.00.

Thursday—"Hanlon's Superba." 25, 50, 75, \$1.00.

Friday—Pete Daker in "Chris and Lena." Prices 15, 25, 35, 50, 75.

Saturday evening and matinee—L. G. Field's Minstrels.

The Orpheum.

At the head of a bill which promises to develop great comedy powers, come Canfield and Carleton to the Orpheum next week. To Uticans Johnnie Canfield needs no introduction. He was born and reared there and he still makes it his home. He comes of a family which has developed several clever performers. As a light comedian Mr. Canfield takes rank among the very best in vaudeville. His time is largely spent in playing the Keith circuit and other houses controlled by Eastern managers. During his engagement in Utica next week he will be supported by a program of the best vaudeville offerings obtainable. Ward and Curran will do their comical travesty, "The Terrible Judge." This is a clever burlesque on a police court and enables Mr. Curran to show that he is both a wonderful singer and a good character actor. Mr. Ward does the irascible old justice to a nicety. Lew Wells, the comedy musician, is good for a hundred laughs. Mosher, Houghton and Mosher do hair-raising things on the bicycle. Miles and Raymond, blackface comedians; Daly and DeVere in "The Janitress," and other amusing numbers will conclude the program.

Jimmy's Letter to His Pal.

Dear Billy:—Well, I'm back at the "grind" once more. And it's going to be no cinch this term, for the Governor says that if I don't emerge next June with honors tacked on me somewhere, it will be a case of "back to the brick-yard for me," and hard labor for the rest of my life. Sorry I didn't see you when in Utica, but I simply could not resist the bill at the Orpheum. I just had to take it in. Am going down this week. Let me know when you are disengaged and we will go together. Give my love to May and Em. and tell her, (Em) that I got the shoe bag for Christmas. Yours as ever, Jimmy.

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