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The English Lit. Club

Those men who elected English Lit. for winter term gathered at Prof. Ibbotson's home Wednesday night to informally discuss "Twelfth Night," which was played at the Majestic last week by Miss Viola Allen. Every one who had seen the production was given a chance to voice his opinions and offer criticism. The actors had they been present would no doubt have profited much by the suggestions made, which although amateurish were yet very apt. When this subject became exhausted some other Shakespearian plays were considered. To give the fellows some idea of what the music of Shakespear's time was like Mrs. Ibbotson very kindly sang several ballads taken from "As You Like It," "Hamlet," etc.

But it was not all a feast for the intellect; refreshments were served generously, to feed the physical man. Then came some of Prof. Ibbotson's good cigars, which every one, even to John Collins, enjoyed. While we smoked many stories went the rounds, some of which told by the older members of the class, seemed hardly credible. Before the meeting adjourned it was decided to hold the next gathering Wednesday night after Prom. Week. It is the intention to present at that time "The Rivals" by Sheridan. The cast of characters was decided on, with Collins, Knox and Wisewell playing the coveted parts of ladies. They of course felt highly complemented at this open acknowledgment of their beauty and gentle manners, but what was their disappointment Thursday morning when Prof. Ibbotson announced that he hoped to procure real ladies for these parts. The other actors will perhaps feel better now, even if they do take minor parts. Wills distinguished himself by asking for a "small" part, and it took some time for the manager to figure out how such a transformation could be made. That this presentation will be a success no

one, who has a part, doubts for a minute.

When every man had joined with a will in singing "Carrissima" the Shakespearian students started up the Hill, every man praising the success of Prof. and Mrs. Ibbotson as entertainers.

A Hibernating Club.

On a bench in front of the west grandstand is a white pine box shaped like a coffin. The box is unlabeled and no silver plate adorns its rough form. So far the remains have not been identified but several guesses have been made and the prevailing idea seems to be that this box contains the mortal remains of the gun club. No mournful resolutions have as yet appeared, perhaps because it lived hardly long enough to have accomplished anything good. The remains will lie in state during the rest of the winter.

The Junior Whist Club.

Last Thursday evening, Jan. 21, the Junior Whist Club was entertained by the gentlemen of the Delta Upsilon. This meeting resembled a masquerade ball more than a gathering of card fiends. Instead of appearing in "old clothes" as had been decided at the former meeting, the members took the opportunity to attire themselves in all the fantastic and outrageous garments that could be found. After a short dress parade Mr. Gibbons appeared on the scene with his usual stock of ancient jokes and caught the gentlemen in the act of looking pleasant. After this ordeal, cards held sway during the remainder of the evening and nothing else happened to mar the pleasure except when "Si's" dog undertook to eat the hats of several of the fellows. The meeting was not so well attended as the previous one, but those present had one of the best times of their lives. This week the meeting was held at the Theta Delta Chi house.

The Colgate Game.

The game with Colgate resulted in the expected defeat though the score was worse than we had feared. The team though manifestly out of condition, went to Hamilton prepared to do their best, and vindicated their pluck by playing a very up-hill game. The Colgate team is even stronger than that of last year, and when at times their splendid team work got well started we were unable to break it up till many baskets were scored.

The play was sharp and fast from the very whistle, and for five minutes neither team was able to score. Finally Stringer dropped a basket. Then Colgate got several goals in rapid succession. Hamilton braced somewhat but not withstanding our best efforts the score of the first half was 19 to 3 in favor of Colgate.

The second half started off in a sluggish manner and it was again some time before any points were credited to either team. Yet again Colgate's clever passing did its work, rolling the score up rapidly. Our poor condition told much on the team in the second half. Bramley played a fine defensive game against Runge, Colgate's star forward, holding him down to five baskets. LeMunyan was twice injured and finally gave way to Schwartz. Sherman's goal from the center of the floor was deservedly applauded. During the game and after, the team received excellent treatment at the hands of the Colgate rooters.

Colgate 46. Hamilton 6.

	Forwards.
Runge.	S. Sherman, (Capt.)
Brooks.	LeMunyan-Sicard.
	Center.
Stringer.	Sicard-Schwartz.
	Guards.
Brigham, (Capt.)	T. Sherman.
Greene.	Bramley.
	Referee—Root, '05, Colgate. Umpire
	—Ferguson, '04, Hamilton. Timers—
	Koult, '06, Hamilton and W. A. Root,
	'05, Colgate. Field goals—Brooks 7,
	Greene 6, Runge 5, Brigham 2, Stringer
	1, Sherman 1, Sicard 1, Fouls—Brigham
	3, Sherman 2, Brooks 1.

The Laws of the College.

Through the kindness of Dr. Stryker the original laws of the college, passed in 1813, have been accessible to us. This volume is far too valuable for everyday use and since it is not possible for the college at large to read the original, we have decided to print in several issues this term some of its most interesting chapters. These rules and regulations enacted by our fathers so many years ago contain many things which seem strange to us. Besides their interesting antiquity they give us a vivid picture of what college life must have been in those days. We will retain the form and chapter headings as they occur in the original volume.

CHAPTER II.

Of admission into the college-----
of the distinctions of the classes-----
of Resident Graduates ----- and of
the manners of the Students-----

I. No person shall be admitted into the freshman class till he has completed his fourteenth year; nor to an advanced standing without a proportional increase of age. And no one shall be admitted, unless he shall be found on examination able to read, translate and parse Cicero's select Orations, Virgil and the Greek Testament, and to write true Latin in prose, and shall also have learned the rules of Vulgar Arithmetic.

II. No candidate for an advanced standing shall be admitted unless he shall be found qualified in all branches of learning proper for the same. And no one shall be admitted into the senior class after the end of the winter vacation.

III. Every student, on his admission into college, shall be required to give a satisfactory bond to the Treasurer for the payment of his term bills.

IV. No candidate for admission into the college shall be received, unless he can produce satisfactory evidence of a blameless life and conversation.

V. The Senior Tutor shall keep a matriculation book, in which shall be registered the names of all students, who, by their regular behavior and attention to collegiate duties, for six months at least of their admission shall exhibit evidence satisfactory to the Faculty of their unblemished moral character. And if any candidate shall fail of exhibiting such evidences within a reasonable time, he shall be allowed to attend on the exercises of the college no longer. All those who are

students on probation, as well as the regular members who have been matriculated, shall be subject to the laws, penalties and discipline of the college.

VI. No candidate's name shall be registered until he shall have subscribed the following engagement. I, A. B. on condition of being admitted as a member of Hamilton College, promise, on my faith and honor, to observe all the laws and regulations of this college, as witness my hand, A. B.

VII. Every student, not belonging to Paris, shall be placed under the guardianship of a patron who shall be one of the Faculty of the college, and shall be either chosen by the parent or legal guardian of the student, or appointed by the Faculty, and no student shall contract any debt without a written permission from his patron, on penalty of being punished at the discretion of the Faculty.

VIII. Masters and Bachelors of Arts, who shall signify to the president their purpose of residing at the college, with a view of pursuing literature under his direction, and under the government of the college, and give a sufficient bond for the payment of their term bills, shall be considered as resident graduates and students of the college.

IX. The undergraduate students shall be divided into four distinct classes. The first year they shall be called freshmen; the second sophomores; the third juniors; and the fourth seniors; in order to preserve a due subordination among the students, the classes shall give and receive, in the course of their collegiate life, those tokens of respect and subjection, which from common and approved usage belong to their standing in the college. And if any scholar shall not comply with this law, or shall be guilty of any abusive speech or behavior toward his fellow students, or toward any other person, he may be punished by admonition or otherwise, as the offence may require.

Gym. Show.

Practice for the Gym. show has now been started and things are rounding in shape for the Utica exhibition to be given on the evening of March 2. The first practice for pyramids was held on Monday afternoon and there was a good number of fellows out to take part in the "human structures." The glee and musical clubs are now practicing every day, and after having given a few concerts will be in the pink of condition for

Utica. There will be numerous changes in last year's program and Uncle John promises an entertainment that will far surpass our previous successes. Strickland and Ehret are working up some new stunts which they will give together in addition to their regular individual "take-offs," with which we are familiar.

Now, in order to make this entertainment a great success, it is the duty of every man to attend every practice, both of the musical clubs and of the gymnasium teams. Especially this is true of the pyramid and ladder men, since the absence of one man from practice makes smoothness of the work impossible. Each man who intends to take part in any event must be on hand every day, and also at the scheduled time, for one full hour is always needed. Each man must make it his personal duty to make this exhibition a success. We want to give an entertainment that will please every spectator, that will keep our name in prominence in Utica, and finally that will be a source of credit to our College.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association is to be held in Utica Feb. 11-14. Special effort is being made to have strong speakers, from various parts of the country, address the meetings. Further details will be given later.

You German readers, both sharks and others less sharky, have you seen the last numbers of "Die Woche"? If you haven't just notice the artistic effort displayed. The December numbers are still in the reading room.

In mapping out the policy of the year's work the cabinet of the Y. M. C. A. laid special stress on class prayer meetings. Vigorous meetings conducted by each class best portray the activity and efficiency of the association's work. At present the College is taking a "slump" in this phase of its life. The sooner it takes a brace the better for the moral tone on the Hill.

Schedule of class prayer meetings for week beginning February 1. Subject: The World's Standard and Christ's:

1904-1905—Monday, 7 p. m. Leader, Wicks.

1906—Friday night. Leader, Warburton.

1907—Thursday night. Leader, J. G. Clark.

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NO DANGER.

Prof. Saunders, after a careful analysis of the water which supplies the college, announces that although it may be "unpalatable", it is not "unhealthful". He was unable to detect the slightest evidence of sewage or decayed animal matter. While this does not in any way lessen the disagreeable odor of the water, still a person can much more enjoy the showers if he is certain there is no danger of contracting disease by using them.

SHALL WE HAVE LIGHTS?

The five fraternities who have electric lights in their houses have determined to procure power, if possible, for dance week. That much would be detracted from the pleasures of festivities lighted by candles and oil lamps, every one realizes. Whether or not these exertions will be successful, depends on the attitude assumed by those in control. But it is hard to see why the managers should deny this courtesy, especially since they would be well paid for being courteous. Their customers on the Hill have always in every way fulfilled their promises to the power people, and for this reason should receive much consideration. If the Hill could be lighted for only four nights, the fraternities would be eternally grateful for this kindness.

THEIR FIRST APPEARANCE.

Tuesday night our musical clubs make their initial appearance of the season at Scollard Opera House. This will be the time for the people of Clinton and the college body to see what faithful practicing and conscientious hard work can do. That both the clubs have many

surprises "up their sleeves" is the prevalent rumor, and it's safe to wager that no one will be disappointed. Then we will see John and Louis once more; have a good laugh and say they can't be beaten. This entertainment is preparatory to the northern trip planned for the latter part of the week, and of course we all want to see the good "stunts" with which our clubs intend to astonish the people of Boonville, Carthage, and Lowville. Those persons who desire to miss a most pleasant evening will not attend; the rest of us will be there.

FOR COASTING DANCE WEEK.

At the approach of Prom. week, together with the many other worries, comes the problem what shall we do for coasting? The present outlook in this direction is far from bright. The walk is certainly unbearable, while the deep snow on the roadbed makes this course far from desirable. Coasting with our fair guests usually furnishes an exhilarating and novel entertainment for these visitors, without which sport our week would be incomplete. There seems to be a very plausible remedy for the deplorable condition of the hill. The suggestion has been made that the college procure the scraper used on the village streets, to level and clear the road from top to bottom. Such a scheme, if carefully carried out would give us the best sliding ever seen here. This work could be done Tuesday morning of dance week, and so make sure of fine sport. We could have the snow scraped off the whole width of the road and thus minimize all danger from teams. The cost, when apportioned among all the fellows, would only be a few cents per man. This idea is worth careful consideration by the College.

SHALL WE WITHDRAW?

Ever since the intercollegiate track meet of last May, the feeling has been becoming more and more prevalent in college, that our New York league has outgrown its usefulness. No one has as yet ventured to say anything openly, but conversations with the various managers and captains and with many of the men on the several teams, have revealed the fact that the inclination toward our withdrawal from the league is strong. Reports from Rochester inform us that the students there have even gone so far as to have a meeting to consider the question of their withdrawal. They have not been on good terms with Hobart and

desire to break up the old league in order to form a new one which would not include the Geneva college.

It is impossible to deny that as far as track athletics go, the league has been for the last two years at least a mere name. Hobart has sent no men to compete, has refused to hold the meet, and nevertheless has each year drawn a full share of the receipts. Rochester at the last contest sent down only three men, leaving Colgate and ourselves to hold our second dual meet of the season.

In regard to football, our relations with Hobart in that department have not been of the pleasantest, and there is some doubt whether or not we will play them next fall. This of course would take away our chances for the pennant, which is about the only advantage the league affords.

Should we withdraw from the association we could still remain on friendly terms with all the colleges and play just as many games. In track athletics, about the only teams that we have been able to arrange meets with were those which were in the league, so that we have usually been obliged to meet the same teams twice during the same season. With the league gone this would be avoided. At present there seems to be no way of making the existing league any stronger. The attempt was made to include St. Lawrence but it was unsuccessful. Last year an invitation was extended to Union, and a kind refusal was the result. The desire that we should withdraw seems, in view of the circumstances, justifiable.

The First Grouping.

The first grouping of the Chess Club for their preliminary tournament was posted in chapel this past week. The men were paired off by lot. This is a change from the policy of the past two years, but will greatly hasten the preliminary contests. The several winners of these dual contests will again be placed by lot. Anyone has the privilege of challenging and displacing the winners of the tournament. These preliminary games must be completed before tomorrow. Below is the grouping: Wisewell and Bright, Jenks and Pound, Rood and Driscoll, H. Barrows and Jerome, Sicard and Stowell, Richardson and Murdock, S. Sherman and A. Thompson, M. White and Harwood, Hallock and Miller, T. Sherman and Kinney, Toll and Koul, Farey and Riggs.

Senior Prize Winners.

The three successful competitors for the senior winter oration prizes were as follows: Pruyn Medal, A. L. Evans; Head Prize, R. R. Wicks; Kirkland Prize, P. R. Abbott.

A Wonderful Prophet.

"Providence has sent me here. In twenty minutes I can show you more than you can learn in twenty years of experience." With this introduction the so-called phrenologist stood in the door and invited us for the sum of fifty cents per man to have our heads examined. It was the chance of a lifetime so we collected the required fifty cents from five fellows and set the gentleman at work dissecting our future health, happiness, and prospects of a unregretted married life. To be sure everyone had some kind of a great blessing in store for him, and all with few exceptions had natures sunny, sympathetic, and sensitive. But there were some variations. One man had a mind like a kaleidoscope, another a deductive mind which starts with some speculative hypothesis, and still another a mind which appreciates all the charming, picturesque, pure and beautiful scenes of nature. These are only a few of the samples extended for our consideration. When he had talked for an hour and a half of things phantom, phantasmagoric, abstruse, inductive and deductive, and when we had learned from him that the wife of our choice must be stout lady, have black hair, broad forehead, hot temper, and cold feet, we were forced to admit that in this twenty minutes we had indeed acquired more knowledge than we could ever hope to obtain from any course of psychology or philosophy which Hamilton College has to offer us.

The gentleman who does these stunts with the human bumps has been here several days and during this time he has reaped quite a harvest.

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Local Notes.

—Rose, '07, spent Saturday and Sunday at his home.

—The sophmores are groaning over their scurf poster tax.

—Bastian, '04, is confined to his room, having been ill a week.

—There are but ten names on the delinquency board this term.

—The 'Varsity were defeated by St. Lawrence University by a score of 18-8.

—Dr. Beecher's sermon of last Sunday was much appreciated by those present.

—P. H. Judd, '04, has returned to college and intends to graduate with his class.

—Hoyt, '07, having been detained at his home by sickness for a week, has returned.

—Due to the illness of his mother, Williams, '05, has not yet returned to college.

—Loftis, '05, who was obliged to go home on account of illness, returned Wednesday.

—Barrows, ex-'06, has entered upon a business life. He will not return to college next fall.

—A number of fellows have taken up snow shoeing as a pastime this winter. It's not bad sport.

—Miller, '04, who has been ill since the holidays, entered upon his college duties Wednesday.

—Prof. Shepard has been much inconvenienced for the last week by an attack of lumbago.

—Dr. Stryker has been in Norwich, Mass., delivering lectures on church music this past week.

—Invitations are out for formals to be given Wednesday, Feb. 10, by the Chi Psi and Psi Upsilon fraternities.

—Clinton Scollard's poem "Fair St. Augustine," which is published in the "Lit.," is certainly a masterpiece.

—Harwood, '05, is among the large list of those who have been obliged to leave Clinton because of ill health.

—Perer Kelley deserves a vote of thanks for having the street lamps lighted on the campus these stormy nights.

—Massee, '07, translating in Livy:—"And the great ruins of the baggage animals rolled down." Prof. Ward: "Come, come, Mr. Massee, the load must be too heavy for your constitution; you'd better sit down."

—The freshman basket-ball team played a picked team from Clinton on Thursday evening, and were defeated 30-15.

—Dean, '05, was forced to leave college because of ill health. He expects to reenter the class at the opening of spring term.

—The Advisory Board not favoring a track meet with Trinity, the manager is trying to arrange a dual event with Rochester University.

—The comedian at the Orpheum last week, seeing Schermerhorn, '04, in the audience, addresses him as "Little Charlie with the glasses."

—Mrs. Morrill very kindly sent a basket of apples to the Commons last Tuesday evening, which the fellows enjoyed around the fire after dinner.

—This is certainly good weather for sickness if we judge by the number of fellows who have been forced to discontinue their work to recuperate.

—The musical club have been practicing every day during the last week, preparatory for the concert to be given in Scollard Opera House Tuesday evening and the trip to be taken the latter part of next week.

—The student or students who have borrowed the February numbers of Harper's, Scribner's and Everybody, will confer a favor upon one hundred and fifty men by returning them immediately. It would seem that, although the man had no scruples about doing such things, enough has been said already to cause him to discontinue.

—Practice for the "Gym." show was begun Monday. Every fellow who is to take part should be at all rehearsals and attend strictly to business as this year's exhibition must surpass the one given last season.

—Wednesday chapel of this week seemed to cause less restlessness among the students than is usually the case. This may be attributed to the small number of fellows who appeared and the skill which they exhibited. Driscoll, '06, made an exceptionally fine appearance.

—"Cleanliness is next to godliness," so the adage runs. The baths are erected for the purpose of giving a man a chance to become as nearly godly as possible. It is seldom that we discover a case where a bath itself needs a scrubbing. This is however so in the "gym." and the College authorities would add greatly to the comfort of those who use the showers, if they had them cleaned.

—The following men composed the basket-ball team which had a three days' trip to Potsdam and St. Lawrence: S. Sherman, (Capt.) Bramley, Sicard, T. Sherman, LeMunyan and Schwartz.

—A recently published article in the Rochester Herald was to the effect that the University was seriously considering the matter of withdrawing from the State League. It was maintained that a college can take as strong an interest in athletics if it has no formal relation with other colleges. The unsportsmanlike conduct of the teams representing the present league was given as an additional reason for a change.

—Cornell having agreed to take the side which Columbia should choose for intercollegiate debate, has announced that she prefers to debate the Russian question and to uphold the negative. The team which was originally elected to meet Cornell, will do so. It had been the wish of this team to debate the Panama question, but inasmuch as we proposed the Russian subject in the first place, it was decided to accept Cornell's preference. Her preference was based upon the fact that her men had begun work upon the original subject.

—The Utica Observer is authority for the statement that the electric light plant in Clinton has changed hands. The new manager has made the statement that he will immediately improve the arc system and renew the former incandescent system. Such a change would be only too gladly welcomed by the Hill. It is not easy to find one's mouth by the light of a candle and kerosene lamps are not what they might be. Whether the rumor is so or not, it would be a good plan for the fraternities to unite and try and get the lights, at least for Junior week.

More About Debate.

Since the debating club has chosen Toll, Sisson and Speh to oppose Cornell in the Russian question, the original agreement that Cornell must take the Columbia side of the question—the negative—has been waived by Hamilton and Cornell is to have her choice of sides. When Columbia chose the negative of the question it was rather a disappointment to two of the Hamilton team, as they had upheld the "negative" in the interclass debate. After a little deeper investigation they have become fully convinced that the affirmative is the correct position on that question. Indeed

the whole debate of the seniors seems to have been built on the fallacy that Russian civilization becoming dominant in China would only displace a lower civilization, when a deeper study of the question shows that it would effectually bar any higher civilization. Cornell has not yet chosen her side.

"D. T." Banquet.

The "D. T." Club held a banquet at the Bagg's Hotel in Utica Monday evening. Two neophytes, LeMunyon and Benedict, were welcomed into the mystic circle with appropriate rites. The passengers on the Clinton car were edified as usual by songs, speeches and original jokes. After soliciting for a new directory at the "Butt." the club adjourned to the Bagg's, where they were welcomed in the lobby by John Quincy Adams, late President of the United States, who was induced to preside at a debate on the Panama question. After passing the hat (Mr. Adams pocketed the collection) the club turned to the consideration of really important things. The crowd broke up at the usual time in the usual way.

The Orpheum.

Going to see the vaudeville is one of the habits a man may get into with perfect safety. In fact an attendance at an entertainment of this kind tends to relieve the mind, and acts on the brain of the student or business man in much the same way that the physical culture does on his body. It is a decided change from the tedium of study or business cares. The Orpheum in Utica offers always a crisp, entertaining bill of the best vaudeville. The bills at the Orpheum are always selected with care by a proprietor of the theatre who spends his entire time in New York, doing nothing but booking for the house. They are of invariable excellence. That program which will open with Monday matinee will be one of the standard. It will consist of the Sully Family, in "An Interrupted Honeymoon;" Sidney Grant, the story teller; Stelling and Revell, great comedy bar artists; Doherty's

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