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## The Utica Entertainment.

March 2nd—that is the date of the Hamilton Entertainment in Utica this year. The Majestic theater has been engaged for the event, and the work of preparation has begun in earnest. "Uncle John" as chairman has appointed the following committee: Manager, Robert Wicks; assis't manager, Sherrill Sherman; advertising, "Press" and "Observer," John O. Collins; "Utica Dispatch," M. R. Davis; stage manager, Addison Wood; announcer, A. S. Evans; programs, C. G. McGaffin; decorations, A. E. Hutton. This committee will hold its first meeting after chapel next Tuesday morning.

It is certain that this entertainment will far outdo the one of last year, excellent as that was. With nearly all the old material here to work upon, and some good new men, we can greatly modify the numbers on the program last year, eliminate those that failed to take well, and add some new features. A special effort will be made to stir up the alumni of Utica and vicinity, to get their support in advertising as well as in attending the entertainment. Last year's experience in advertising will show where more effective and extensive work can be done; we will have something in the past to talk about, and a reputation to work upon. There is little doubt that those who attended the first entertainment expected to see more or less of an amateur fizzle, but they were happily surprised and it was the expressed wish of a large number that the performance be repeated this winter. With more friends to back us, and a better show to give them, we must succeed.

## 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

## The New York Banquet.

Nearly one hundred of Hamilton's loyal alumni gathered in the beautiful banquet hall of the Hotel Savoy in New York city, Tuesday night, January 12th, to participate in the 36th annual dinner of the New York Alumni Association. A bunch of Hamilton men never require much encouragement to keep things going, but any incentive that was needed was ably supplied by the courteous reception committee, consisting of Benjamin Dwight Holbrook, '75; Rev. George S. Webster, '78; George E. Brewer, M. D., '81; Samuel F. Engs, '83; Charles B. Cole, '87; Robert A. Patterson, '87; Bayard L. Peck, '91; Daniel Burke, '93; Charles R. La Rue, '93; Warren I. Lee, '99; Ralph H. Sheppard, '00; Ira W. Henderson, '00, Edward E. Stowell, '01. Ever loyal to such an emergency, the true knights of Hamilton, seated at the round tables, adorned with ferns and American beauty roses, for two and a half hours feasted on viands most choice, and then, in no sense satiated, listened for a like period to a charming flow of eloquence, wit and humor.

The president, Chester S. Lord, '73, editor of the New York Sun, presided. He did all things well. His opening speech was on the success of the country boy bred in the small college. Such characterizations by him of our public officials as President Roosevelt's "detrifical determination" failed not to produce cheers. Mr. William H. McElroy, of the New York Tribune, spoke most scholarly and interestingly in laudation of the small college. The place of the college man in the affairs of the country was the theme treated by Joseph C. Hendricks. Rev. John Calvin Mead, '83, pointed out that the manhood which Hamilton instills into her men is the true cause of their success in life. Trustee George E. Dunham, '79, in a ringing speech praised the work being done by President Stryker, the faculty and stu-

dents. He said it was of a much higher standing than formerly. He outlined some of the things still needed and which alumni who had only moderate sums to contribute could supply. His class at their twenty-fifth reunion are to present to the college a portrait window of Prof. Oren Root, Sr. He urged the wisdom and great good to be derived from the carrying out of the plan of centralizing all the college interests and appealed to the alumni to stand by their fraternities when they asked for funds to build new buildings on the Hill.

Hon. Wm. Cary Sanger, former assistant secretary of war, after expressing his appreciation of the cordial manner in which he had been received by all Hamilton men since his connection with the College as a trustee, in an eloquent speech outlined the great service performed for the country by our alumnus, Hon. Elihu Root, '64. He dwelt especially upon the creation of a general staff, and the establishment of the organization of the militia on a firmer basis, a matter that had been urged unavailingly by every president since Washington.

"Prex." announced that he was an enemy to "suping", whether done by alumni or students. He said such occasions were too much like love feasts. Everybody was throwing bouquets. In his congratulatory and optimistic speech, wit and wisdom were intermingled. He praised the excellent Board of Trustees who gave him a loose rein. There are to be 65 men in the class of 1908. There will be 300 in College by the centennial.

Several of the familiar songs were sung during the course of the evening. A welcome announcement, especially to the older alumni, came in a letter from S. N. D. North, '60, stating that a volume containing the choicest lectures and manuscripts left by Dr. North, was to be published.

Among the younger alumni present were: Meade, '90, Adams, '91, Allison, '92, Holmes, '96, Allison, '96, Elkins, ex-

'96, Kimball, '98, Burt, '99, Lee, '99, Shepherd, '00, Henderson, '00, Eggleston, '00, Holbrook, '00, Stowell, '01, Minor, '02, Jones, '03, DeVotie, '03, Lemunyan, '03, Youker, '03, Steel, ex-'04.

Rev. James H. Hoadley, D. D., '70, is the new president for the coming year, and Dr. A. Norton Brockway, '57, corresponding secretary.

### The January Record.

The January Record has made its appearance. As a mail book of living graduates it is good, but "As a means of information to all Hamilton graduates concerning the life and work of their Alma Mater" it falls short. Ten pages are used for alumni news and requests for subscribers, consequently the reader looks through the pamphlet in a vain search for "the life and work of the College." But it has some interesting alumni notes, which with directory of graduates make it valuable.

### Dramatics Impractical.

In the last two issues of LIFE there have been articles advocating the formation of a Dramatic Club, and asking why such an organization would not be feasible. There are many reasons why such a plan is not practical: In the first place we have musical clubs to which a large number of men eligible for a dramatic club belong. The practice of the Mandolin and Glee Clubs take up much time, leaving very little for other outside work. Then there is the basket-ball team, which needs all the attention we can give it. If certain men think they have too much spare time let them come out every day to help the team, either by their presence as onlookers or their active participation in the practice. Then, again, from the present outlook it does not seem as though our musical clubs were going to do much this year. If dates can not be secured for them, how can dates be any more easily secured for a dramatic club? Looking at it from a financial standpoint, it is out of the question. To have a presentable club scenery and costumes would be necessary. These cost money. If the club were to give but one exhibition, and that during Prom. week, it does not take a very far-sighted person to conclude that somebody would be in debt. Past experience has taught us that a dramatic club is almost sure to fail, both financially and otherwise.

### The Prize Essays.

A man never realizes what it means to compete for the prize essays of the course till he reaches his last year. Then come orations and theses for which he wishes to write and if he has neglected this opportunity in previous years he finds himself at a great disadvantage. He does not know how to go at the work, his style is uncertain and he lacks experience.

The essays of freshman and sophomore years are a direct preparation for K. P., the winter orations and Soper thesis and without this discipline a competitor is seriously handicapped. It cannot be too strongly urged upon the college and especially upon the freshmen to embrace this chance and to begin at once. The time needed for the work is well spent and will never be regretted.

### Seniors 17, Juniors 16.

The third game of the basket-ball series resulted in a hard won victory for the seniors. The game was fiercely and roughly fought from the first whistle and the result was in doubt to the very end. Both teams showed the effects of the coach's work in their vastly improved team play. The players got into the game in good shape and although some of the playing was inexcusably rough, this was just what last year's team needed. The game is not a lady-like one, but the College does not take kindly to anything that verges on malicious roughing.

The first half was all the juniors', some of their passing being very clever. The seniors started in after the intermission to win out. The play was very fast and though the juniors maintained their lead up to the last few minutes of the game, the seniors came up with a rush, Wood's brilliant field-goal winning the game just before the call of time.

The line-up was:

Seniors.	Forwards.	Juniors.
Tibbitts.		Loftis.
W. Dowling.		Schwab.
	Center.	
Sherman.		Harwood.
	Guards.	
Evans.		Edgerton.
Wood		Crumb.
Referee—W. J. MacLaughlin, '01.		
Umpire—A. S. Davis, '04. Timer—Thompson, '06. Score-keeper—Drummond, '06. Field goals—Sherman, 2; Dowling, 2; Evans, 1; Wood, 2; Tibbitts, 1; Schwab, 3; Loftis, 3; Harwood, 2.		
Fouls—Sherman.		

### Support the Hop.

The sophomore hop is only one week away, a dance that we have heard recommended as a good thing and as something no class should neglect to give. Hearing such sentiments spoken in regard to the affair one would justly suppose that a large majority of the college would attend. But this is not the case. There are few, very few, who are planning to go. Of course it is a bad time, coming so near to Junior Prom. as it does, but that cannot excuse many of the fellows as the cost of attending need not exceed two dollars. Yet the worst phase of the matter is the fact that even some of the sophomores, and these not few, do not intend to go. This is disgraceful inasmuch as the class voted to give the this dance, appointed a committee and in every way sanctioned it. If these men did not want the dance why did they not say so? If they want the dance, then let them show their loyalty by supporting it.

### Trouble in Sight.

Vague rumors have been floating around about a gun club. It seems now that that organization is a reality. No doubt in a few days the campus will begin to resound with the fusillade of the sharp shooters. The faculty have already requested the members not to practice in their rooms. Pres. F. M. Wills has appointed a committee of arrangements, of Kingsley, Hand and Mann, and preparations for a shooting tournament have been begun. Two traps and a barrel of clay pigeons have arrived. The range will be made back of the grandstand at the west of the football field, and on the first pleasant day the fight will be started. The thirty members of the club will be divided into two teams, which will contest throughout the winter. Scores will be carefully kept, the totals will be announced in the spring, and the defeated will "set up" the victors either to a dinner at the "Butt" or to lemonade at Mrs. Kelley's. Spectators will be welcome but the club refuses to be responsible for any loss of life. There may be some wild shooting for the first few days of the tournament, but after the men get settled down it will be safe for anyone to watch the sport from the Hall of Philosophy. It is hoped that freshmen will volunteer to run the traps and pick up the pigeons that are not broken, though some outside help may be needed for the latter task.

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We are indebted to W. E. Youker for our complete account of the New York banquet.

### THINK IT OVER.

Thoughtfulness toward our visitors has of late years been a marked virtue among the students of Hamilton, yet there is one courtesy which we fear has been overlooked by the entire student body. We all know that many strangers attend Sunday chapel. After chapel we of the student body stand around and visit for a few minutes before coasting down the hill. Meanwhile our visitors have started down the path, when the loud cries of "road" drive them into the banks of snow, while we coast by. We should give this matter some thought. Either cut our visit short or wait till the track is clear.

### CHESS AGAIN.

The Chess Club comprises at present about twenty members, but is hoped that this number does not include all the chess enthusiasts. Last year a successful tournament was held in the College and there is no reason why a large number should not sign their names to the paper posted on the bulletin board and prepare for the tournament which is to be started shortly. The captain is very anxious that every man who has played the game at all should take part in this preliminary round, and it is highly desirable that all who can do so join the club. The results of this first contest will determine the team for this year. Considering the creditable showing made by the chess team already and with the prospect of excellent material, there is every reason to hope for a successful season. A chess trophy will be awarded to the winner of the present

tournament. Syracuse has sent a challenge which has been accepted. It will be remembered that Hamilton sent a team to Syracuse last year, securing a draw from a team which had previously defeated Cornell. This year the match will be played on our own grounds. We have good chances to win provided the interest of last year keeps to the high standard which has been set.

### TONIGHT'S GAME.

Tonight our basket-ball team opens the season at the Gym, with the U. F. A. as their opponents. The success of the games which follow, to a great extent, hinge on the result of the contest. "Nothing succeeds like success." With the College body rests the responsibility of this initial trial. We must show the team that the College is with it to a man. We must start the team with loyal, whole-hearted support, to bring out the best the players have in them. No man can fight for a half-hearted backer. Let us show the men that our interest in basket-ball has been only latent, and that it has at last been aroused. If our disinterestedness continues we will only have ourselves to thank for a disastrous season.

### A Correction.

In the last issue of LIFE an article was published in regard to the basket-ball coach, from which some inferred that Mr. MacLaughlin was being paid for his services. In justice to him I would say that he receives no pay for the work which he is doing for the team. The college certainly is greatly indebted to him for his kindness.

WM. A. FERGUSON, Mgr.

### A Substitution.

MacIntyre, '05, has been compelled to leave College for a short time until he recovers from a severe attack of cold and throat trouble. On account of his absence it was necessary to choose another man to take his place on the junior debating team, and the class elected Day. The juniors may be compelled to ask that the date of the contest be postponed for a short time, inasmuch as the withdrawal of MacIntyre leaves his substitute very little time in which to prepare his debate. Unless the date is changed the inter-class debate will take place next Tuesday evening in the chapel.

### Still Another.

The spirit of forming clubs seems to be in the air. To be sure all our organizations are not in a state of strenuous activity, but they are nevertheless clubs, and if the members are willing to pay dues the rest of the College surely can find no fault. The latest birth is a checker club, but it has not yet arrived at the state where it can walk without assistance. This may seem to be a joke, but it is not as ridiculous as it seems. To some checkers is child's play, but there is a lot of science in the game which those who are not familiar with it do not realize. Furthermore, the game does not take as much time as chess, and this fact should make the club popular.

### More About Scurf Posters.

The proper time for criticism of the so-called scurf posters may be over, but we trust that our remarks will be pardoned, though they come rather late. The criticism in last week's issue of LIFE did not seem to be all that it should be. As far as giving an account of what the posters contained it was quite satisfactory, but did not give what to us seems a good criticism. The freshman poster was of the usual style and reached the average standard of that kind of poster. Perhaps the sophomores realized that the old could not be improved and for this reason tried to procure something original. If that was their object they succeeded, but at the same time they failed to make their poster fulfill the very object which that kind of literary work is supposed to perform. Their attempt consisted of generalities entirely. The one thing which is worthy of perpetuating in these posters, which to many may seem a mere waste of time and effort, is the just criticism which they are intended to give certain members of the rival class. The judgment may be biased or exaggerated, but there is usually some kind of truth for the criticised person to take to heart. And if these posters do not point out some characteristic of a man where there is a chance for improvement, if they consist merely of general criticisms of the enemy; they are useless and the custom might well be discontinued. While we commend the sophomores for their originality, we would suggest to future classes that they confine themselves to the lines along which these posters have been conducted heretofore.

**An Oratorical Contest.**

For two years Hamilton College has been interested in the New York State Intercollegiate Prohibition Association. In the State Oratorical Contests held at Syracuse and Colgate we were represented by M. Daniel Campbell, '02, and Dewey J. Carter, '04. Mr. Campbell took first prize. The contest will be held this year at Hamilton, Cornell, Rochester, Keuke, Colgate, Syracuse, and Alfred will send orators. Each one of these universities and colleges have local clubs which are studying the problems of prohibition. Each one will hold a local club contest. The winner of that contest will represent his institution at Hamilton. In this way much spirit is aroused and the best orators selected for the State contest. The winner of the State contest represents the State Association in the grand Interstate Contest. We are going to take first place again this year, but we must have a local organization first. A meeting will be held next Monday afternoon in Silliman Hall at five o'clock. Every fellow in College is invited. There the object will be discussed, the work to be done outlined, and officers elected.

Already the oratorical department of the College has offered us two noon chapels at which the men writing for the local contest may give their orations. These orations will be judged on their excellence as literary and oratorical productions. The winner of the local contest will represent Hamilton in the State contest. The first prize for the latter will be at least \$25.00. Prizes may be offered for the local contest also. Any man in college is eligible to write. For those men having orations for chapel due this term, these may be substituted. A full discussion and explanation of the whole matter will be given next Monday afternoon at five o'clock. Every man in college is invited to that meeting. Think it over, and if you are proud of Hamilton's fame in oratory, then do your part to maintain it.

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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.

- Havens, '06, has returned to the Hill.
- Keeney, '06, has returned to College.
- Hosmer, '07, will not return till after Easter.
- Prof. Smyth is confined to his bed by illness.
- "Pretty" has been in New York during the week.
- Bloyer, '06, scored one on "Prex." in Bible. Oh, no!
- The mandolin clubs are having regular rehearsals.
- MacIntyre '05, is confined at home with a severe cold.
- Munger and McDonald are forming a "Dog Owner's Club."
- Sophomore Hop Wednesday, January 20th, in Society Hall.
- "Nick" took a civil service examination in Utica last Tuesday.
- The glee club will have its regular concert on Thursday of "junior week."
- A sophomore in Latin class speaks of "an ass wandering about the campus."
- Williams, '05, was called home Wednesday by the serious illness of his mother.
- Dr. Stryker attended the Hamilton banquet at the Savoy in New York on Tuesday.
- Dr. Stryker delivered an address at the New York alumni banquet last Tuesday evening.
- Trippe, '07, is laid up for several days as a result of an operation performed recently.

—P. A. Miller, '06, is ill with nervous prostration at his home in Herkimer.

—Prof. Brandt, owing to illness was unable to meet his classes on Monday.

—"Prex." did not welcome the renowned Robert Macduff when he came to chapel Sunday.

—Wygant, '07, gave as good a declamation in chapel Wednesday as we have heard from that class.

—The book store doesn't even keep to its own schedule this term. It is open no two days at the same time.

—A question which is being discussed somewhat at present is, who will have the prettiest girl at the "prom?"

—"Prex": "Mr. Warburton, how much did you pay for your Bible book?" Warburton, '06: "Haven't paid for it."

—It would be interesting to the student body to know by what system damages are levied on term bills.

—Wright, '05, having exhorted his classmates "to be of good cheer," gracefully withdraws from noon chapel.

—The reason for cutting down the trees on the campus is, that they are dead. This reason seems sufficient.

—The basket-ball game between the seniors and juniors was as nearly like a football game as any game possibly could be.

—There is to be no change in "junior week" this year. The scheme of one day off wasn't as satisfactory as was at first imagined.

—Interclass games have been discontinued until later in the term so that Coach MacLaughlin may put his entire time on the 'varsity.

—There has been a marked improvement in the size of the basket-ball squad and in its playing since MacLaughlin has taken the men in charge.

—The freshmen elected officers at a meeting last Saturday. J. Clark is president, Grossmeyer, vice president, E. Clark, secretary, and Scoon treasurer.

—The interclass basket-ball game which should have come off on Wednesday was indefinitely postponed in order to give the 'Varsity a chance for more practice.

—H. H. Benedict was credited with a football subscription of \$10. in last week's issue of LIFE. The manager wishes to correct this statement. Mr. Benedict contributed \$25.

—LIFE is glad to see that a wrong account appeared last week when it was announced that Keeney, '05, would leave College to go to work in Chicago. Mr. Keeney returned to College and expects to stay at least the rest of this year.

—D. J. Dowling, '04, was the last man to return to college. Rumor has it that he has taken unto himself a wife. His classmates evidently believe this for they gave a lusty yell for "Mrs. Dowling" when D. J. appeared on Wednesday morning.

—At the last regular meeting of the Athletic Association held Dec. 12, 1903, is was moved and unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be extended to all the alumni who assisted in coaching during the last football season, and that the same be published in the Hamilton LIFE.

—The Senior-Junior basket-ball game of Monday night was certainly one of the most exciting that has ever been seen in the Gym. Because of this the desire has been expressed by many to see the game repeated, minus some of its objectionable features. Such a game would be a good attraction for Junior Prom. week. There is no doubt but that such a repetition would be played before a large audience.

### Heed the Warning.

Dr. Stryker took occasion last Saturday morning to express his feeling of nervousness caused by the speed with which the men take the arbor course. This is something that we should bear in mind. In the last few days a number of men have narrowly escaped crashing into the arbor and some have been slightly injured. Probably few will take heed until some one is seriously injured or perhaps killed. Then some amount of caution may be exercised for a short time. But now is the time to take heed. It is a very easy matter to slow up a little in making the turn, nor does it lessen the sport of coasting.

### Senior Club.

How about the Senior Club for this winter? Seniors are beginning to inquire when the club is to be organized. The days are fast slipping by and if the club is to be started this term it is time some move was taken to hasten its organization. Junior Whist Club proved such a success that the good times enjoyed by all the fellows are a very strong incentive to renew those jolly meetings again this winter. Senior Club affords the last opportunity for the fellows to get together, and surely it should not be overlooked and the term be allowed to pass without the club. Who will ever forget those trials when we listened to

the profound oratory of "Rat." White as he defended Tennant with words "sweeter than honey." And then do you remember those frequent "cracks" of "Mont" White? And surely Rogers Brothers must have some new "stunts" for the season of 1904. Let's get the club started at once for everyone is anxious to meet again and renew our former good times.

### The Other Side.

For the energy they have shown in arranging for a hop, the sophomores have earned the approval of the College. They could give a good party, under favorable conditions, and such a party at some other time of year would be a distinguished success. But isn't this the wrong time? The junior promenade is less than a month away; the work of preparing for it is scarcely three weeks distant. It is a mistake to hold two college dances so close together. If a hop could be held in fall term, just at the end of the football season, it would be a welcome diversion. But you have heard about the girl to whom her beau brought so much candy that it finally made her sick to look at him. It would be so with too many dances. "Prom." week is even now open to the suspicion of being "overdone." Then, too, from the money point of view, very few of the students now here can really afford two dances in winter term. The expense of "junior week" alone, is heavy: twenty dollars hardly covers it for the most economical man. So far as college work is concerned "junior week" is a practical suspension of studies for five days; it would be a mistake to add another day or two to this time: indeed, the five days are probably not ill-spent, yet two added would almost surely be lost. It would be better under the circumstances not to "hop." There is no demand for it and the chances are that the College would give it but poor support.

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