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## Glee Club Concert.

The first concert of the Glee and Instrumental Clubs was an unqualified success. Scollard Opera House could not have held more people than were in the audience, and everyone was highly pleased. As every man in college was there, no lengthy criticism is necessary. The work was better than ever before; of a character to insure that Hamilton will be well represented wherever the Glee and Instrumental Clubs may go.

As leader of the Glee Club, Hawley has worked untiringly, and the fruit of his labors is the best singing that Hamilton has done on the stage. The drilling of Prof. Daniel, of Utica, was very much in evidence. It is work that tells. Wicks has kept his Mandolin Club in steady and intelligent practice. You could see it in the selections. Ehret's first appearance with the club was a remarkable success. It is strange that Hamilton has not had more heavy basses. Miller's low D was somewhat of a surprise to the audience. Hawley's solos are always sung with artistic finish, showing a high degree of voice control. His high barytone notes are excellent. Downey was even better than last year. "Barbara Fritchie" captivated the people.

It would be an oversight to forget the manager, who did a good job right through, from the programs to the box office receipts.

The officers and members are: Paul T. Harper '03, manager; Wm. K. Hotchkiss '04, assistant manager. Glee Club—Dewey T. Hawley '02, leader; George E. Miller, Associate Leader. 1st tenor, DeVotie '03, Carter '04, Knox '04, Rockwell '05; 2nd tenor, Hand '05, Munger '05, Rogers '05, McLean '06; 1st bass, Hawley '02, Carr '04, McGaffin '04, Springstead '05; 2nd bass, Miller '03, Merrick '05, French '06, Purdy '06. Mandolin Club—Robert R. Wicks '04, leader. 1st mandolin, Wicks '04, Abbey '05, Merrick '05, Stowell '05; 2nd

mandolin, Abbott '04, Strickland '04, Rogers '05, Purdy '06; guitar, Brandt '04, Edgerton '04, Edgerton '05, Rockwell '05; violin, MacIntyre '05, Paton '05. Soloists, Dewey T. Hawley '02, George E. Miller '03. Readers, Wilbur J. Downey '05, Louis J. Ehret '04. Accompanist, William T. Purdy, '06. The program follows:

Gainsborough, Rosey, Mandolin Club; Hamilton—to Thee, C. M. VonWeber, Glee Club; A Matrimonial Controversy, Anon, Wilbur J. Downey; The Cellarer's Toast, DeKoven, Dewey T. Hawley; The Ghost Patrol, Weaver, Mandolin Club; (a) How vas dot for High? Grey, (b) Character Sketches, Ehret, Louis J. Ehret; Nursery Rhymes, Bullard, Glee Club; Flower Song, Lange, Mandolin Club; My Love's Waitin', E. Nevin, Glee Club, assisted by Mr. Hawley; Days Gone by, Apmadoc, George E. Miller; The Oratory of Youth, Wilbur J. Downey; Medley, Mandolin Club; Falstaff's Song, Dewey T. Hawley; Twilight, Blodgett, Glee Club.

## The Intercollegiate Debate.

Last week it was stated that the wording of the question as submitted by Columbia was unsatisfactory and that a revision of it would be requested. The request was made and granted and the question as revised is: "Resolved, That the appointment by the President of negroes, in those states where the sentiment of the white population is against it, is unwise." Hamilton has chosen the negative, and in accordance with the decision that three men rather than four shall compose the team, is to be represented by Allbright, Blakely and Root of '03, with Toll '04, as alternate. The Columbia representatives are not yet known. Hamilton has long desired to test her debating strength, and in the Columbia men she will meet worthy foemen. The Philolexian Society is Columbia's best debating club and is composed of forty of the best debaters

in the university. In meeting them we are meeting Columbia's best.

The debate will take place in the Chapel Feb. 23d, and 2 p. m. is the probable hour, although this is as yet not definitely settled.

## The Basket Ball Team.

There has been a good deal of "knocking" ever since our game with Utica, concerning our basket ball team, by the men here in college. This does not seem like the "Hamilton spirit" which every Hamilton man, be he alumnus or undergraduate, loves to see and help maintain. Suppose the opening games have not been very successful for us from the standpoint of scores, are we because of these reverses to turn our backs on the team and let them hoe their row alone? Let us stop and consider the feelings of the men on the team. They certainly feel the sting of defeat far more than the persons who are simply spectators. Each individual player knows that the eyes of every man in college are on him; that he is expected to uphold the honor of our institution. Consequently he plays for all that there is in him. He tries in every way to qualify himself for carrying the responsibility placed upon him. Every night finds him in the "Gym." putting in hours of hard work that Hamilton may have a team which will represent her well. To do all this he must give up many pleasures, besides making numerous sacrifices in other ways. It's not a path of roses by any means. Times of discouragement are sure to come, especially when the team is playing in hard luck. Those are just the periods when a slap on the back and an encouraging word will act as an elixir of life on his drooping spirits. But when such a period comes and there is no encouragement forthcoming, only harsh criticism, there is no incentive to urge him on. It's a great mistake to imagine, that simply the players alone make a team. It's



the backing the players have which influences the result, the stronger the support the stronger the play. In this way every man in college can help develop a winning team. If you can't play, come out to practice and cheer the men on. It is not enough simply to support the games. Let the men know you are enthusiastic about their development, that you appreciate their efforts. If they give up the entire evening certainly you can spare a half hour from your work to help things along. From now on make the "Gym." the college meeting place every night and Hamilton will end up her basket ball season with flying colors.

### Use the Library.

Do you know that one of the greatest possible advantages you can derive from your college course is from the library? Do you know that the greatest men your Alma Mater has graduated have spent a big per cent. of their time over in the library? There is no other time in your life when you will have more time and can use that time to better advantage than now, in getting acquainted with the brightest minds of the world by using the library.

While you are puzzling over manifold problems you can get help and inspiration from men who have pondered over the same problems and have either solved them or have put their experiences in book form.

It is a grand thing to know books and authors, and where to be able to find what you want, and you can do this only by cultivating the acquaintance of these books and authors by personal contact. You will find your work considerably alleviated and a clearer way out of your difficulties, if you will but put in a few leisure hours each week in the library. And when you have once cultivated this habit, it will stay by you. One of the greatest advantages of your course, every professor will tell you, is to know by reading men who have devoted their lives to the subject you are studying. The library is one of the most powerful features we have here for education and culture.

### A Shepherd for the Sheep.

In Utica, Wednesday night, Leslie R. Groves, chaplain of the 14th Regiment, U. S. A., gave an interesting lecture on "The Real Filipino." Chaplain Groves

is a Hamilton man who has made a genuine success in army work. He is on his way back to the Philippines for the third time and is giving lectures in order to increase his supply of stereopticon slides, with which to make the time pass more rapidly for his "boys" in the regiment.

### Shall Basket-ball Go?

A question in college athletics which threatens to call forth the serious consideration of the student body, is whether basket-ball ought to survive as a branch of college athletics. Furthermore, is it not weakening the other departments? Is it not advisable to cut out basket-ball next year from college sports? A loyal alumnus, one who was active in athletics while in college, urges that Hamilton omit basket-ball. Why? Because, if you stop to observe, you will find that a majority of the candidates for basket-ball are football players. They have spent energy and sacrificed personal comfort for the sake of football. It is hard to ask them to continue stiff training the year round.

Now in basket-ball, if anywhere, strict training is essential to success. Why did we not beat Pennsylvania last year? Because the fellows could not keep the pace in the second half,—which showed lack of training.

The point is, that since football men have done their share of hard work in the fall, we need a new set of men to carry on basket-ball,—men who will train conscientiously and will spend plenty of time and energy to build up basket-ball. Since these conditions do not exist, rather than spend time and money in a sport in which we make no apparent progress,—cut out basket-ball. Save that time and money for indoor Gym. exhibitions, musical clubs and the track in the spring. Hamilton is not large enough at present to keep pace with the larger colleges and universities in everything. Better excel in a few sports, than weaken all by attempting to compete in all. Basket-ball can most graciously and easily yield to track, baseball and the rest. "X. Y. Z."

### To Mark, or Not to Mark?

During his class in American History, Thursday, Prof. Wood told the juniors that he was sorry there was any marking system, because it confined the treat-

ment of the subject to narrow limits. The idea was a new one to most of the fellows, but it bears a searching investigation. To do away with the marking system would be rather hard on the "lame ducks" who are waddling easily through their course; but if the "workers" would profit by it, then their side ought to be considered.

### It's For You.

On February 11, 1903, there will be a dinner of the "younger alumni of Hamilton College." A number of the younger men at the Hamilton dinner decided that the affair had been pleasant enough to warrant repetition. Yet, it was thought an informal gathering over a pipe and dinner would be better suited to a harking back to the college days. Then some of the older alumni suggested that such an occasion would be one more suitable for the activity of the younger men. All of the alumni are invited to attend, whatever may be their class. The name of "younger alumni" merely signifies that the management will be in the hands of and along the ideas of the younger alumni. The time, place and price of the dinner have not been settled, but approximate ideas may be given. The price will be very moderate, the time about seven o'clock, and the place, some of the cheaper good restaurants in the borough of Manhattan. The committee on the dinner is Harry Kimball, '98, Warren I. Lee, '99, and Ralph H. Sheppard, '00.

### The Boonville Trip.

It was a success for the manager and the managed, with plenty of fun all the time. The concert was given in more artistic form, as the fellows had gained confidence from the success of the previous night. The program was essentially the same, with Hawley substituted for Ehret in the "stunt" line. After the concert, which, by the way, was not given in the Presbyterian Church but in the Opera House, there was a dance. Neil K. White '98, made good preparation for the entertaining of the fellows. When we were coming back on the morning train, F. H. Church '02, had a box of cigars—the kind a fellow likes to smoke—to be passed around. As one of the football men was saying, there's always fun in a trip of any kind, but nothing else quite so good as a musical trip.



**The Social Ladder.**

—Houghton very pleasantly entertained at an informal reception last night. A number of the students were present.

—The juniors of the Delta Kappa Epsilon entertained the junior whist club last night.

—This evening had been determined on by the "math. sharks" of the junior class as the time for a dinner in Utica. The dinner has been postponed because of the basket-ball game.

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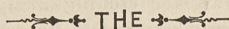
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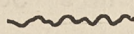
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## THANK YOU!

For the musical organizations we wish to thank those who so generously supported the opening concert in Clinton Wednesday night. It was inspiration for the clubs and encouragement for the managers.

## SUGGESTIONS.

During the year suggestions and criticisms have come to us from alumni and from others. We would have more. It is very gratifying indeed to see the interest taken in us which these criticisms indicate. They are wholesome and salutary, and a pertinent criticism is at all times of the greatest value. We are endeavoring to give the college the very best weekly possible, but we realize that perfection has not been attained, and any suggestion for its betterment is fully appreciated and will receive due consideration. LIFE wants the benefit of your criticism.

## SENIOR CLUB.

The Senior Club is witness to the fact that class spirit does not die out in the last end of the course. About senior year the fellows are separated in the various elective courses. There are added responsibilities in various lines of college activity. All things tend toward severing of class bonds. But the real desire to sit around together and talk over college life and to enjoy one another's company is stronger at no time in the course. The Senior Club is bound to be popular with the 1903 men. The first meeting was called on rather short and indefinite notice; yet there were half the class present. Before many meetings the number will include a large majority of the class. Here's success to the Senior Club!

## ALL TOGETHER, FELLOWS!

Rochester was obliged to put her date for the basket-ball game ahead one day and so the contest will be held in the Gymnasium to-night. It is so old a song that it ought not to be necessary to sing it so often, but some of the fellows need to hear it every time an occasion arises; so here goes. "Let every man attend the game and yell and cheer with a will. The work on the side lines helps to make the baskets." Besides this the team needs encouragement. It is weak this winter and ought to have every ounce of moral support that the college can add to its strength. It isn't when the teams are winning that the yelling counts for college spirit; but when the other fellows are coming along like a snow storm; then is the time to show real "spirit." Let everyone get in.

## "Uncle John's" Scheme.

Ladders, Tuesday, 4 o'clock; Thursday, 5 o'clock.

Pyramids, Tuesday, 4:30 o'clock. Everyone must be on hand Tuesdays. There are many candidates; so that each man must attend practice regularly to hold his position.

## Our New Street Lights.

It is to Dr. Root that the faculty and college body owe a hearty vote of thanks. Through his efforts four electric lights have been placed lately at various places on the Hill. They prove very advantageous both to drivers, pedestriains and those who coast. The lights at the Arbor and the Psi U curves lessen greatly the danger of evening coasting.

## The "Borrowing" of Sleds.

The usual "kick" must be registered this winter term against the promiscuous "borrowing" of sleds which has been going on with far too much frequency during the past two weeks. It is certainly very unpleasant and inconvenient to drag a heavy sled up the slippery hill and find when you wish to use it that some one else has considered his right to your property better than your own. One is not willing to believe that any fellows in college are mean enough to commit such offenses, especially since all here are well informed as to the rules and regulations governing coasting and the use of sleds. But the fact remains

that sleds are taken regularly. Nor do the "borrowers" exercise any care whatever in the use of the property so appropriated. Such a state of affairs must be stopped. When men are compelled, for their own protection, to put a lock and chain on their sleds, it is time something was done. Whether people from town or people farther up the hill are the offenders, no one knows. Still, with a little care you can find out; and when the guilty party is caught he should be made an example of. A little heroic treatment administered to such people would have a wonderfully good effect.

## Chess Club.

For the past few days the members of the Chess Club have been busy, and the team to play at Syracuse has been practically chosen. They are in order: Landers '03, Richardson '05, Owens '03, and Driscoll '06. Of course any member of the club is at liberty to challenge any one of these men to two games out of three. In case of his winning, he will take the place of the conquered man. It would be a good thing for the college if more men would dig in and see what they could do. We must defeat Syracuse, and to do this the best players in college are needed. So, chess players, dig in. You still have time to make the team, but remember, the teams play at Syracuse, Feb. 7.

## Basket-ball.

The games yet to be played by the basket-ball team are: Jan. 31, Rochester at Clinton; Feb. 4, Potsdam Normal at Clinton; Feb. 7, Colgate at Hamilton; Feb. 20, University of Pennsylvania at Clinton; Feb. 27, R. P. I. at Clinton; Mar. 6, Colgate at Clinton. Several hard games are ahead and they must be won. 'Tis true that the eastern trip was not entirely satisfactory, but the team was sadly handicapped. Illness and delinquencies worked together against us and contributed not a little to our downfall. There is no reason why, with the hearty support of the college, the team should not go on now and overcoming these obstacles finish the season in good shape. The support of every man in college is needed and is due.

—The Amherst students have an unlimited number of cuts. We sometimes wish we did on a cold winter morning when we have not done our "bohning" the night before.



**The Senior Club.**

For several weeks the seniors had been talking of forming a club of some kind to keep the old bonds of class spirit still intact. At the D. K. E. House last Monday night about twenty fellows met and threw together and cemented a few ideas which are now the embodiment of the Senior Club. DeVotie was appointed chairman and ably controlled the facetious, yea boisterous, mob until "Dick" Carter had been elected president. Carter received a suggestion hereupon that "Madam Kelly" should not be allowed to draw upon the treasury of the club, and so set-ups were made as a legend of the past. Next in a business way Miller was elected secretary—he was the only man present with paper and pencil. Jones was now nominated for vice-presidency. Of course nobody cared to run against the captain; so he was elected. The next office was of only small importance, and Grant was elected treasurer. At this stage of the game the gentleman from Colorado grew exceedingly obstreperous and gave two or three war-whoops. Cries of "Put him out!" suggested the advisability of having a sergeant. "Durk" was elected. He makes a good disciplinarian—they don't want "Durk" to look at them more than once. The main other business was the decision of a club night. Monday at 8 o'clock was set as the time for the weekly convocations.

But the kinds of amusement: During the evening "Larry" Harkness sang "Violets" an octave low with beautiful expression. Mr. DeVotie volunteered to accompany the artist. As Larry arose the Dekes, who had the advantage of previous experience, were seen leaving the room in all haste through every possible exit. But there was a high old time around the tables, and the fellows "anted up" till someone rumored refreshments. The rumor was well grounded. It was past twelve o'clock when the last angelic strains of the boy tenor from the West turned all thoughts to higher things; and the company climbed hillward.

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### College Notes.

—Uncle John calls Stryker '06, "Prex."  
—"Rick" Hatch '01, was on the Hill this week.

—"Bill Shep" gave a coasting party last week.

—J. Van Allen '02, paid the Hill a brief visit last Monday.

—The weather this week has been more like March than January.

—"Hank" White and his new sled are receiving a good deal of attention.

—Hawley has the Boonville natives guessing at his impromptu lame leg.

—Strickland '04, has returned to college after an absence of a few days.

—S. Sherman '04, who has been ill for a few days, has now resumed his work.

—Dr. Woolworth '93, recently injured in an accident in Brooklyn, is recovering.

—The "Kirkland joint" did a big business after the concert Wednesday evening.

—The Theta Delta Chi fraternity gave a coasting party and dance on last Monday evening.

—Brandt '04, has been ill for the past week. We hope that he will soon be around again.

—Catch that sneak-thief, he has visited the Gym. again. A set-up is offered for his detection.

—Last Wednesday Prof. Wood for the first time took charge of the morning exercise in Chapel.

—Stuart '03, and Chapman '03, were out calling again. 1 o'clock a. m. instead of 2. Improving.

—Rockwell will set up for the return of his hat lost between Rome and Utica on the Black River road.

—It is estimated that the students of Hamilton spend between \$80,000 and \$100,000 each college year.

—Several football subscriptions, which are long overdue, have not been paid. It is time to pay, and at once.

—The D. T. C. held its first jollification for this term on last Friday evening. A great old time was reported.

—Hutton tells the Chapel Wednesday that the majority of successful business men in the country are drinking men.

—Dr. Riggs was unable to speak at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon. His sermon in the morning was much enjoyed.

—Seldom have we heard so fine a sermon as that preached by Dr. Riggs, of Auburn Theological Seminary, last Sunday.

—Last Thursday Lambert '03, and Grant '03, narrowly escaped a shut-out from Bill Squires' philosophy headquarters.

—Uncle John turns four or five somersaults at the Psi U curve and swears he will never again ride down with a freshman.

—Several good plays are billed for Utica in the near future, among them the "Chinese Honeymoon" and Richard Mansfield in Julius Caesar.

—"Windy" extracted the pith and humor of old Horan's satire, to the enjoyment of the sophomores, in spite of the annoyance of a stiff neck.

—The "Lit" had some good poetry in the January number. "Pop" Weber's Latin title to his production will pull him through "Windy's" exams all right.

—Freshmen, are you well into the midst of your prize essay? It is worth the while of every man in the class to write one. It's a good stunt, prize or no prize.

—They say Sittig '06, in the snowball fight, fired his shot valiantly from inside the arbor by the Chapel. He must have gotten in some deadly work from that little fort.

—Colgate is reported to have an excellent glee club this year, and also a very clever mandolin club. Sixteen dates have been arranged for Easter vacation.

—Why would it not be a good plan to send the annual debate challenge to Colgate? Surely we should not be discouraged, and by persevering a year might be found in which Colgate would feel herself able to accept.

—"Capt." Davis was more or less bewildered in Economics when "Pretty" asked him if he had anything further to say on the subject. "Capt." had been indulging in a peaceful snooze.

—The Prom. has finally been settled for Thursday night, Feb. 19, the Utica ball having been changed to Tuesday evening on account of the inability of the Governor to attend on Thursday.

—"Pretty" was seen downtown yesterday sprawling around on all fours, trying to make the train and recover his hat and feet at the same time. Whether he was successful has not yet been learned.

—The thermometer at 50 degrees above zero on January 27 is an unusual record for a College Hill winter. The change has already begun and the reaction may be as great as the action which sent the mercury up.

—The January number of the "Lit" was issued this week. The whole magazine is to be commended. The article on the Physical Laboratory and the Department of Physics is especially interesting and instructive.

—The sophomore-freshman snowball row which took place after Wednesday noon chapel was a very spirited affair. No fatalities are reported, although sore arms and other sore spots are being nursed by the participants.

—In Senior debate Wednesday the debaters objected to the question assigned, declaring it not debatable, but were summarily declared out of order and ordered to proceed. Prex might be a trifle more careful in selecting questions. This would eliminate any such difficulty as the above.

—On Thursday night the Glee and Instrumental Clubs gave an entertainment in Boonville. The following men were taken on the trip. Hawley '02, DeVotie, Harper, Miller '03, Abbott, Carr, Carter, Knox, McGaffin, Edgerton, Hotchkiss, Strickland, Wicks '04, Abbey, Downey, Edgerton, Hand, Merrick, McIntyre, Paton, Rogers, Rockwell, Springstead, Stowell '05, Purdy '06.

—Last Sunday evening certain men of Clinton were greatly disturbed over the appearance of a seemingly insane person walking up College street. Several philanthropic men from the hill searched the neighborhood of the Oriskany to rescue the unfortunate, but in vain. Later it was discovered that the insane person was a respectable citizen of Clinton masquerading in a cadet suit. Ask Busch and Youker about it?



**Church and Y. M. C. A.**

The prayer meetings of next week will be consolidated into two meetings, Thursday and Friday at 5 p. m., to which all the classes are invited. It is hoped we can have with us for those meetings speakers from outside, but this will not detract from their main purpose of prayer. On the following Sunday, the Day of Universal Prayer for colleges, Dr. Hoyt, of Auburn, will speak. We hope this will be one of the best meetings of the term in attendance and earnestness.

Tomorrow afternoon the Missionary Committee are to give us an up-to-date view of the prospects of Christianity in China.

**The Orpheum.**

The Cycle Whirl, about which so much has been said and written, will be one of the leading features on the Orpheum's bill for next week. This wonderful act is to be presented by Nichols and Nichols, two daring young riders who will produce it exactly as they did at Madison Square Garden early last fall. One admirable feature of the "Whirl" is that no loafing is possible in races run off on it. On account of the great slant of the track the riders have to ride at the top speed or take a spill. This act will prove a strong drawing card. Eugene O'Rourke and company are to be seen in a new farce entitled "Parlor A." The balance of the bill is composed of well known vaudeville artists among whom are Leona Thurber and her pickaninies; Dillon Brothers, comedians and parodists; The Auers, rag picture painters; Howley and Leslie, and Ed. Estus.

**JIMMY TO HIS PAL.**

*Old Man, I want to give you a piece of advice—see that Cycle Whirl they are going to have at the Orpheum next week. That's where you'll witness some fast riding. The speed of the Empire State seems snail-like compared to the manner in which those fellows circle the track.*

*Give my love to the girls, Billy, and believe me.*

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