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## Hamilton 41, Hobart 12.

Those who were in Soper Gymnasium Wednesday evening saw something that did them good. Hamilton has waited long for a good basket-ball team and it seems as though her hopes were realized. Every man played the game with vim. Captain Sherman was the star, making seventeen of the points. He was right on the spot every time, and kept his eye on the basket throughout the game.

The game was called at 7:45 and started off with a rush. The first basket was thrown after two minutes. Others followed in quick succession. The game was fiercely contested from the start, but fast as it was there was little rough play. The team is to be commended for this. Bramley, Kuolt and P. Kelly played great floor games. Time and again when it seemed likely that Hobart would score, the ball was cleverly blocked. The passing was accurate and swift. This was very noticeable in the long passes.

In the second half Hamilton put in several substitutes, but the play was as fierce as before. Captain Bremer was the best player for the visitors. The attendance was fairly good but at the next game it ought to be larger. Our team deserves the best support we can give it. was is the first game in the inter-collegiate series. The line-up was:

Hamilton.	Hobart.
Right Forward.	
LeMunyan, (Sicard),	Williams.
Left Forward.	
Kuolt, (J. Kelly),	McKrea.
Center.	
P. Kelly, (Schwartz),	Bremer, (Capt.)
Right Guard.	
Bramley,	Rippy.
Left Guard.	
Sherman, (Capt.)	Bisschie.
Baskets—Sherman 8, P. Kelly 3, Sicard 1, Kuolt 4, Bramley 4, Bremer 2, Williams 3, McKrea 1. Fouls—Sherman 1. Referee—MacIntyre, of Hamilton. Umpire—Hitchcock, of U. F. A., '05. Scorer—Thompson, of Hamilton. Time of halves, 20 minutes.	

## Prof. Shepard's Lecture.

On Wednesday afternoon Prof. Shepard delivered the first in his series of lectures on poetry as it existed in the different periods. His initial discourse was on "The Poetry of the Middle Ages." Prof. Shepard held the interest and attention of his auditors to the end.

He referred to the middle ages as a period of transition, comparing the splendor of Ancient Rome with the barbarity of the chieftains that held sway after her downfall. Mention was made of the immorality of the times, which to a certain extent was embodied in their poetry, but at the present time is totally eliminated because of the vigorous precepts of modern society.

"New languages have arisen, developed from the Latin trunk from which all have sprung. New arts have arisen since the time of the Romans, but the art of the middle ages holds no more secrets for us," due, as he stated, to very careful study on the part of modern students of mediaeval times.

Like their religion and science, the daily life of the ancients was poetic, their tournaments gave rise to poetic spirit, and in general, the irregularity of their daily life favored an imagination which created "living, vibrating poetry."

In the latter part of the twelfth century a division set in, and from the theory of chivalry arising from this, and from the desire of the poets to be admired, originated the "ars poetica."

The mediaeval writers were not successful in epic poetry as they despised its base—the study of the common people; yet the poetry of that period comes down to us still living.

In the fourteenth century the supremacy of French literature was unquestioned, but the name of Dante marked a new era which overturned the French from their lofty pedestal.

Prof. Shepard's next lecture will be entitled "Mediaeval French Poetry," and it should be worth the while of every man in College to be in attendance.

## Bible Study Institute.

The experiment has proved successful, of bringing together representatives from the three colleges, Union, Colgate and Hamilton, for a Bible study conference. The institute which was held here at Hamilton last Saturday and Sunday has certainly established a precedent. The venture has exceeded the expectations of those who were back of it, so that henceforth such a Bible study gathering from the three colleges will become a regular institution.

About fifteen delegates from Colgate and four from Union were in attendance. The program was carried through without any material change.

The Saturday afternoon session was taken up with short addresses and paper, followed by an open parliament. The discussion was concentrated upon the following subjects. 1. The field for Bible study in the colleges represented at the conference. 2. Best methods for enlisting men in Fraternity and other Bible study groups. 3. Methods of maintaining attendance. 4. The qualification of a leader and principles of teaching.

Mr. W. T. Diack, New York secretary of student work, presided at the conference.

The Saturday evening session was thrown open to the college and friends. Four addresses were given by members of the faculty from both colleges. Prof. Crawshaw, of Colgate, read a brilliant address on the theme, "The place of the Bible in literature." Prof. White spoke on "Bible study as an evangelistic agency." His address was a strong argument. Dr. Stryker's address was on the subject of "The Bible's place in general culture as a means of discipline in the use of English." Mr. Coope, '08, sang a solo between the addresses. Prof. Brigham, of Colgate, made the closing address of the evening, upon the subject assigned to him, "The need, importance and benefit of personal Bible study."

Dr. Riggs' address in Sunday chapel,

on "The claims of the Bible upon College men" was a powerful presentation and appeal. It gripped the attention of the hearers. Dr. Stryker closed the service with a few forcible remarks.

At the afternoon session which closed the institute, Mr. Diack and Dr. Riggs were the speakers. Mr. Diack spoke on "The morning watch," explaining it and urging the necessity of cultivating a habit of personal devotional and systematic Bible reading. Rockwell, '05, sang a solo. Dr. Riggs, in a frank, straight-from-the-shoulder manner told "How the Bible may become a factor in spiritual growth." No listless reading would do it, but intellectual vigor was necessary. Meditation and active appropriation were essential factors. After a hymn, Dr. Riggs pronounced a closing benediction upon the institute and its efforts.

The final session of the institute was the largest meeting that has been held in Silliman Hall during the college year.

The executive committee of the institute feel grateful for the hearty cooperation of all those who had a part in making the conference a success.

### Turn About is Fair Play.

We frequently hear the business managers of our various publications say that it is getting more and more difficult to secure business men who are willing to take advertising space in the College papers. This may be due to several causes, but the chief one seems to be that students do not patronize those firms who aid in supporting our papers; either that, or they fail to remark, when trading with such a concern, that their advertisement was what induced the purchase at their place of business. It would cost but little effort, when about to invest in something, to look over a magazine and trade with those who support us. Reciprocity is by no means a bad principle. The writer has heard merchants say, time and again, "We make it possible for you to have college publications, why not aid us in our business?" This brings up the matter of an orchestra for the Prom. In looking over the various magazines it is noticed that there is but one orchestra leader who uses our pages for advertising purposes. Now if it should happen that this man had the reputation of giving poor service at a college dance we would be the last to suggest that he be obtained for the coming Prom. On the contrary, how-

ever, Mr. Gartland (we are speaking of him) has given us as good, if not the best, music we have ever had. We do not say that the music at last Senior was poor. It was good. But why dodge the man who advertises, to get one who can not give better service? It is true that Utica supports us loyally, but we fail to see how that binds us to slight those who aid us with cold cash in making a Hamiltonian, Lit. or LIFE a success. Now, not only in regard to music for the Prom. but in all our purchases let's make a man believe that it is something more than a mere donation to advertise in the columns of a Hamilton College publication.

### The Musical Clubs.

During the past week the members of the Glee and Instrumental Clubs have had their fond hopes blasted. Monday all was serene, a good trip assured. But time seems to have changed all. First came the news that Oneida had cancelled, then Geneva and Elmira. Of one thing there seems to be but little doubt, that is that there will be a concert at the Scollard Opera House, January 31st. The management is now putting forth strenuous efforts to make up for lost time. A number of cities and towns have been written to, but have not been heard from. It is barely possible that the Geneva and Oneida dates may yet be saved; this will be known in a few days. There are now three concerts booked: Clinton, Waterville and Vernon.

It is not a new story or surprising. The Musical Clubs have never been managed in the way that our athletic teams have, and we are all familiar with the result. It may be that this phase of college activity is not ranked high enough in importance. Perhaps there are those who think that the Musical Clubs are of little value. As a matter of fact a first-class company of musicians can do more material good for our College than any number of basket-ball games in Soper Gymnasium. Allowing that this is so, consider for a moment what course college sentiment would take if the manager of basket-ball should start in winter term to arrange his schedule.

But enough for that. Take a glance at the situation from the standpoint of the clubs. Practice commenced early last term. The two leaders have expended their utmost energies to present

to the public a worthy aggregation, and the members themselves have labored faithfully; and for what? Well, as to that there is no definite information.

Taking all things into consideration it does seem as though the management has been unfortunate in having certain dates cancelled. But, on the other hand, it would have been an admirable plan for those in authority to have started earlier in the year to arrange dates. But let us not despair. There may yet be something in store for the deserving.

### The January "Lit".

The January Lit. appears today. The editors are to be congratulated for getting it out on time, especially as the Christmas vacation might have been expected to delay them.

On the first page of the reading matter is a sonnet by J. J. Weber, '05, written in his characteristic style. This has become a feature of the Lit. this year, having a short poem on the first page. That the poems in general rank high is shown by the fact that the current issue of the Madisonensis publishes the poem entitled "Hope," that appeared last month.

Those who were interested in the history of College that appeared in the October and November numbers of the Lit. will be pleased to note that the history has now been completed down to 1900 in this issue. These articles have been very interesting reading and contain much valuable information. "A Sword of Damocles that Didn't Fall" is the title of a short story of a college youth who had done considerable gambling during his course. It is by W. B. Simmons, '08.

S. T. Kinney, '06, inspired by the troubles in the far east has written a poem entitled "Port Arthur." Kinney can write good verse and this poem does not detract from his reputation.

"Cheesey's Homeopathy" is a college story by Robert B. Peck, '07. "The Haunted Sentry Box" by R. N. McLean, '06, takes the reader down to Porto Rico. It gives one the creepy feeling, but it is a mighty good yarn.

A sonnet by R. Richardson, '05, and a story by F. M. Barrows, '07, complete the literary part of the magazine.

It is the best number that the present board has ever published and proves that there are today in College a large number of excellent writers.

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EVERY time a man in college is urged through the columns of LIFE to come out to basket-ball games, or is criticised for not doing so, he thinks that he has been receiving a "knock" unjustly. Be it so; and the more that man's feelings are hurt and the deeper the criticism strikes home, so much the better will it be for the College. Any fellow who did not see the game with Hobart Wednesday night has received his own punishment; for it was fast, clean and interesting, especially as it showed that Hamilton has a team this year which it will be proud to support. In return for the hard, consistent work which the team has been doing, it deserves our presence at games at least, even if we can not come out to see practice occasionally.

## The Sweater Vests.

It is not so much in a spirit of criticism as with a desire to raise a question as to the advisability of making a slight amendment to the constitution of the Athletic Association, that this article is written. When the football management bought sweaters for the members of the team this year, several of the men expressed their preference for sweater vests and the management accordingly purchased this style for those men who so desired. When the order arrived it was found that the block "H" which had been placed on the sweater vests was of that size which belongs to the basket-ball men. It may not have been exactly so, but at all events it was much nearer that size than the football "H", which is a large block "H". Furthermore the colors shown on the vest sweaters were white and blue instead of buff and blue. Here is another change from the old order of things. Sweaters or jerseys when given to a man are supposed to be of the regular college colors and to have that size and style "H" which he has won in his particular branch of athletics. So we have two mistakes; the size is that of the basket-ball "H" and the color of the letter is blue instead of buff as is stipulated in the by-laws of the constitution. It is needless to say that such a mistake as that made this year should not establish a precedent which is so obviously contrary to the meaning of both constitution and by-laws. It is not right that a football player should have a football "H" on his sweater and a basket-ball "H" on his sweater vest, when he is entitled to wear only the football "H". Still we would not seem to criticise men for wearing the sweater vest, if the color and style "H" were according to rule, and we would further suggest that the Senior members of teams should be allowed to wear the white vest with the blue "H", as is the custom in one college in particular of which we know. However, to make this legal it would be necessary to amend the by-laws of the constitution and this can be done by a majority vote of the members of the Athletic Association.

## College Meeting.

This noon, immediately after chapel, there will be a meeting of the College Athletic Association. Among other things there will come up the election of an assistant football manager.

## The Senior Club.

Are the members of the Class of 1905 going to form a Senior Club? This was done by '03 and '04 and proved very successful. Why should not the present Senior Class follow out the precedent set down by their predecessors? There is nothing like such gatherings to bring the members of the class into closer acquaintanceship. The times the men had last year at the Junior Whist will never be forgotten and to many it would be a great pleasure to revive them.

## Baseball Practice.

Indoor baseball practice commenced last Wednesday in response to the call for candidates issued by Captain Ferris, '06. A small squad was out. The chief difficulty this year will be in filling the pitcher's box. There are two of last year's pitchers still in College and with what the Freshman Class may develop the prospect seems very bright. It is essential, however, that candidates get out to these early practices.

## Basket-Ball Schedule.

Jan. 18—Hobart 12—Hamilton 41.  
" 23—Colgate at Hamilton.  
" 27—Syracuse at Syracuse.  
Feb. 3—Potsdam Normal at Clinton.  
" 6—Syracuse at Clinton.  
" 8—Rochester at Rochester.  
" 13—Colgate at Clinton.  
" 17—Keuka at Clinton.  
" 24—R. P. I. at Clinton.  
Mar. 3—St. Lawrence at Clinton.  
" 6—Alleghany at Clinton.

## Calendar for the Week.

Saturday: 12:45—Athletic Association meeting; 2 p. m.—Mandolin practice.

Sunday: 4 p. m.—Student meeting in Silliman Hall.

Monday: 4:45 p. m.—Mandolin practice; 7:30 p. m.—Singing practice; 8 p. m.—Basket-ball game, Hamilton vs. Colgate at Colgate.

Wednesday: 4:00 p. m.—Lecture by Prof. Shepard; 7:30 p. m.—Basket-ball practice.

Thursday: 7 p. m.—Mandolin practice; 7:00—Senior-Junior prayer meeting.

Friday: 7:30 p. m.—Basket-ball practice; 7:30—Freshman prayer meeting; 7:30—Sophomore prayer meeting; 7:00—Choir rehearsal.

### The Junior Whist.

It is the custom for the Junior Whist Club to organize early in the term and it would seem as though it was about time for the members of 1906 to call a meeting of prospective members. It is wise to commence the meetings as early in the term as possible in order that it will be possible to go the entire round of fraternity houses before exam. week in March.

### The Four Years' Course.

M. Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr, has in the Educational Review a defense of the four years' college course. She says in part: "The last year of college work is permitted to be taken in law or medical school and is counted double,—once as the senior year of the A. B. course and twice as the first year of the professional course. The student himself also counts double, once as an undergraduate and twice a graduate member (which he is not), of the undergraduate professional school. Nothing more disastrous to honest students of academic work can be conceived of. Yet Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Pennsylvania, and many other eastern and western universities are now educating ministers, doctors and lawyers under this shifty and canny arrangement.

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### College Notes.

—Jerome, '07, was delayed in returning to College on account of illness.

—Freer, '07, has left college. He expects to enter the Cornell Law School in February.

—Is it not about time that a few magazines were placed in the Y. M. C. A. reading room?

—The Freshmen loyally supported "When Women Love," at the Clinton Opera House on Thursday evening.

—DeWitt now knocks at his own door when asking permission to leave his room. It only shows what rooming with a man like Drummond will do for one.

—The current number of the Clinton Courier contains the news that Mr. John Clark Dean, '05, of Hamilton is reading service every Sunday morning at Westmoreland. Yes, this is our John.

—The manager of the Sophomore basket-ball team is arranging a series of games to be played during this term. The game with the Sophomore team of Colgate will take place at Clinton in the near future.

—The D. T. Club enjoyed a smoker Friday evening at the Theta Delta Chi house. Rynd, though last initiate of the club, was the host and proved himself a royal entertainer, as every member of the club will testify.

☐—Prof. Morrill has organized a Darwin Club to which those taking the course of Anatomy are eligible. The first meeting was held at Prof. Morrill's home Thursday evening between seven and eight o'clock. The study of Darwin's book on the Development of Species was begun and will be continued under the direction of Prof. Morrill every Thursday evening throughout the term. Although incidental to the regular course, this study is interesting and highly instructive.

—There has been considerable complaint by the occupants of rooms on the southwest corner of Carnegie Hall, because of the low temperature that prevails. Those in the front part of the building are congratulating themselves on their warmth.

—With the number of second-hand clothes men around the buildings, it is only safe to keep valuables under lock and key, especially since nearly all the rooms are open during the day. This simple precaution may be the means of lessening the unaccountable disappearance of valuables.

—It is a pleasure to find that the shower baths in the Gym have been somewhat repaired. At the end of last term there was only one shower available. Now there are three in working order and we hope that they will be kept in this condition.

—We have probably all heard of the good barber who became a poor lawyer. Foreordination is a good old Presbyterian doctrine. We can't all be fine orators and scholars. All were never intended to be such, neither were we all intended to act as road makers. "Every man to his profession" is an old saying.

—The score of the Hobart-Hamilton game was a pleasant surprise to the college. We expected to win but not by so liberal a score. After putting up such a game the team has a right to expect better support from the sidelines in the future. Of late there has been too much of a tendency on the part of the college to belittle the efforts of this branch of sport.

—Much criticism has been heard concerning the road making on Freshman Hill, immediately in front of the D. K. E. house. A water break has existed there for several years. This past week by orders of the powers a couple of loads slag, boulders, rocks, or stones were placed just in front of the break and covered with loose snow. The result can easily be imagined, the first coasters found themselves at one minute coasting gaily down the Hill and the next moment speeding toward the stars. When they again took notice they were sitting on the banks of the Oriskany. All that evening the college charged valiantly on that stone wall. It was a great night for the hatters and tailors. We don't mind having our heads broken, but we dislike to soil our clothes. Many a scratch and bump could have been saved by a kindly warning at morning prayers.

—There are many differences of opinion among the students as to what will be the outcome of the debate between the two upper classes. The Seniors have a strong team and they are confident of winning, but the Juniors are represented by able men who are hard at work. Although all are not agreed as to which class will win every one is certain that it will be a superior debate and a close one.

—The old question of reducing Prom-week to three days is again being agitated. The plan has advantages and disadvantages. Usually it has been the custom to have dances on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights and no holiday. We understand that, if the dances can be so arranged as to fall on three nights, the faculty will give the college Friday as a holiday. This is a fair proposition and deserves much consideration. Think it over and express your views to the committee. Remember that they are trying to please the college and the opinion of every man is considered.

—One evening last week the "Sons of Idle Rest" journeyed to Rome and played a game of hockey with the Utica Free Academy team. Though the "Sons" lost to the tune of 1-0 they all declared that they would not have missed the trip had the score been 100-0. Considering the small amount of practice indulged in before the game it was a fairly good showing. Sicard, Ferris and Peck played good hard hockey, "Sic" hit his man often and hard. "Flicker" was all over the ice; incidentally it might be said that "Flick" scored the goal against the team. "Bobbie" Peck, though light, did some good work. Roger Sherman had time to take a couple of naps, one in each half. Spedick held the goal down in good shape. Watson and "Bram" did some really fine work. "Alec," Holly and "Kink" Mann were the stars. "Alec" didn't seem exactly at home on skates and "Kink" kept the ice well brushed. He hit the turf four times in two minutes and the puck once.

### A Gift.

The Biological Department has recently received a valuable addition, in the gift of Benj. W. Arnold, '86. It is an excellent collection of moths and butterflies, some very beautiful and rare specimens, in all over two thousand. All are carefully mounted in a handsome cabinet.

**The Hamiltonian.**

The members of the Hamiltonian Board have at last got down to work. They will make an earnest effort to get the book out by Commencement. If they do better than this, they will surprise themselves as well as everybody else.

**Among the Colleges.**

From Princeton comes word of a new dormitory to be erected before very long. This dormitory is the joint gift of the members of the ten Princeton classes from 1892 to 1901.

Official statistics show the college enrollment for the current year as follows, taking in order the fifteen universities that head the list in point of numerical importance: Harvard 6,013, Columbia 4,557, Chicago 4,147, Northwestern 4,007, Michigan 3,726, California 3,690, Illinois 3,661, Minnesota 3,550, Cornell 3,438, Wisconsin 3,221, Yale 2,900, Pennsylvania 2,664, Syracuse 2,207, Princeton 1,383, Leland Stanford, Jr., 1,370, total 50,624.

The Universities of Breslau and Goettingen have introduced an insurance system, that insures the students of natural science, of medicine, of pharmacy, etc., against accidents in the laboratories, lectures and political exercises, scientific excursions, even in going to and from the buildings. Sliding and football do not seem to be included. The premium is only one mark (25 cents) a semester. Twenty thousand marks are paid for serious injury, four marks a day for temporary disablement.

A member of the Cornell faculty recently received a letter from Ellis Schutt, the Rhodes scholar at Oxford, parts of which are very interesting: He says of his work, "I am studying Bacon's Novum Organum, Logic, English, Constitutional History, Gains' Institutes of Roman Law, sight Latin and Greek Testament. It is a very stiff course, but from what the tutors say I am keeping up well in it. I am going to study English this Christmas vacation, and have to pass Bacon at the end of this term. It is very hard, but rather interesting, owing to its difference in subject matter from any book I ever read." Of his life in England he says, "I have not been homesick for a moment as yet, because there is too much to be done. I rise about 7:40, take a cold bath, return to breakfast, for we never eat alone, then

we study or hear lectures until lunch (1 o'clock), when we have the same management as at breakfast, only with a different set of men. Then everyone goes out to the river, or track or football field and plays games until 5, when we return in crowds of a half dozen and go to some man's room for tea. After tea we sit around and smoke and talk over

the afternoon games or play whist until 7:30 when dinner is served. We all dine in a great hall; after the dinner we take coffee and a smoke in some man's room and then disperse to study for a bit before turning in. It is the most sociable life that I could imagine. These sport-loving manly fellows form friendships rather slowly at first, but having well received a stranger, as a friend, stick by him through everything. I like it."

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