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## Promenade Concert.

At 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, the usual concert of Prom. week was given by the Mandolin and Glee clubs. The exhibition was excellent and received deserved approbation. The visitors had this opportunity of judging the works of the musical clubs. It was gratifying to hear their hearty audible expression of approval. The program was varied and very appropriate and was as follows:

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|---|--------------------------|------------------|
|   | I.                       |                  |
| Winter Song,                            |                          | Bullard          |
|   | Glee Club.               |                  |
| "Stunts."                               |                          | A. H. Child, '05 |
| Medley—Selections from "Isle of Spice." |                          | Mandolin Club.   |
|   | II.                      |                  |
| That Little Peach,                      |                          | Neidlinger.      |
|   | Glee Club.               |                  |
| Swing Song,                             | Arr. by J. G. Clark, '07 |                  |
|   | Mandolin Club.           |                  |
| Love's Dilemma,                         |                          | Richardson       |
|   | A. H. Merrick, '05.      |                  |
|   | III.                     |                  |
| Violin Solo—Cavatina,                   |                          | Raff             |
|   | Prof. A. P. Saunders.    |                  |
| Violio Solo—Minuette,                   |                          | Mozart           |
|   | Prof. A. P. Saunders.    |                  |
| March from "Lenore",                    |                          | Symphony         |
|   | J. G. Clark, '07.        |                  |

Prof. Saunders and Clark, '07, rendered some exquisite pieces of music with delicate skill. The richness of tone and majesty of volume held the audience enraptured. Both Mandolin and Glee clubs were at their best. The concert was a fitting prelude to the forthcoming functions.

## The Chi Psi Reception.

The gentlemen of Alpha Phi of Chi Psi entertained Wednesday night with Mrs. Wright, of Albany, and Mrs. Cook, of New York, as patronesses. White's orchestra, of Utica, supplied the music. Their guests during the week have been the Misses French, of Utica; Schmidt, of Ilion; Calder, of Utica; Caldwell, of Clinton; Chapin and Miller, of Albany; Potter, of Johnstown; Rippey and Rupert, of Geneva; Jones, of Binghamton.

## Hamilton 26, Colgate 24.

The seemingly impossible has been accomplished. Colgate's invincible five have met defeat at our hands, after a series of victories over Yale, Syracuse, Brown, Princeton and others, including a severe defeat administered to us early in the season. Colgate had every reason to expect an easy game last Monday evening. But somehow things did not take the expected course; our team proved quite a hard proposition; in fact a little too hard.

The Colgate team was tardy in its appearance, due to the fact that the train was an hour and a half late. When they did appear at nine o'clock they were given a cordial welcome. Runge and Knapp were expected to do the most scoring. The game commenced most auspiciously for Hamilton. "Tommy" found the basket twice within a minute after the game started. Colgate made a point on a foul. Hamilton scored three more baskets and then Colgate woke up. They soon overtook the blue and buff and forged one point ahead. Then ensued a fierce contest in which neither side scored. Then Knapp made a beautiful basket, which was followed by a basket for Hamilton. The half ended Colgate 15, Hamilton 14.

In the second half Risley took Stowell's place and Schwartz changed places with "Tommy." The half started with Runge making two baskets. It looked as though they would run away from us. But not so. The sturdy wearers of the blue and buff held on and those two baskets were all that Captain Runge was able to make. "Tommy," "Bram," and Sicard threw some pretty baskets, but the game was anybody's up to the end. Once it was a tie, 21-21, and the excitement was intense.

With five minutes to play "Tommy" injured his leg and took the allotted time for repairs. Then for five minutes there was the greatest exhibition of basket-ball ever seen on the Hill. Men went hurtling through the air. The ball

was often invisible, but when it came into view it was in good hands. Who ever saw such passing, guarding and goal throwing? Every department of the game was well exemplified. At last it ended, Hamilton 26, Colgate 24. The game was rough and occasionally a little ill feeling would crop out, but nothing serious resulted.

"Tommy" did his share of basket throwing, three of his baskets being difficult ones; but then his four men were where they belonged every time and all the time. Sicard and Bramley guarded their men very closely, and they were speedy in covering ground.

Knapp, of Colgate, was the star of that aggregation. His six baskets helped their score materially. Runge played a strong game but seemed to be too closely guarded to be able to throw many baskets.

Hamilton 26.	Colgate 24.
	Right Forward.
Schwartz.	Stowell, Risley
	Left Forward.
Sicard.	Brooks
	Center.
P. Kelley.	Knapp
	Right Guard.
Bramley.	Runge
	Left Guard.
Capt. T. Sherman.	Greene
Baskets—Sicard 3, Sherman 6, Bramley 3, Brooks 2, Risley 1, Knapp 6, Runge 2. Goals from field—Sherman 1, Knapp 2. Points awarded—Hamilton 1. Referee, MacIntyre. Time of halves, 20 minutes.	

## The Psi Upsilon Reception.

The Psi Upsilon fraternity held its reception Wednesday evening. The patronesses were Mrs. Stryker and Mrs. Root, of Clinton, Mrs. Dunham, of Utica, and Mrs. Fitch, of Albion. The following young ladies were present: Miss Crossett, of Genesee; Miss Hubbell, of Buffalo; Miss Baker, of Rome; Miss Ayers, of Syracuse; Miss Miller, of Utica; Miss Roberts, of Albion; Misses Nellis and Miller, of Herkimer; Miss Lang, of Albany.

### Washington's Birthday.

Next Wednesday is the one hundred and seventy-third anniversary of the birth of George Washington and therefore a legal holiday. The trustees of the College, however, grant to the students a holiday with the express proviso that some exercises of suitable character take place in the chapel. That is to say, the men are not expected to go home for that day, but their company is expected in the college chapel at 11 a. m. Last year the College was fortunate in hearing Dr. St. Clair McKelway, editor of the Brooklyn Eagle. His speech will not soon be forgotten. This year we are to have another Brooklyn man, the Rev. Dr. Parkes Cadman, pastor of the Central Congregational Church. Dr. Cadman is one of the strong Brooklyn clergymen and is a speaker with a wide reputation. He will address the college at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. All are expected to be present.

### The Junior Prom.

Tired but happy was the expression imprinted upon the faces of the Promenaders who swung around the floor for the last dance at Junior Prom. The great social function of the college year is a dream of the past, though vivid recollections still linger. Fully as good as last year's is the verdict. Rath's instead of Gartland's band furnished the music. Everybody commented on its excellence. The floor was elegant. The booths were as artistic as ever, the girls as select and charming as heretofore, and the management of details seemed to be as businesslike as last year. In short, everybody had just about his or her full quota of pleasure.

One improved feature of Prom. week which added much to the success of the function in the gymnasium, was the three night limit placed upon the festivities. Scarcely wearied with one night of fraternity parties, the attendants at the Prom. were supplied with abundant energy, vivacity and keen zest for the dances. A holiday on Friday! Oh, day of rest and peaceful repose for the weary! There's where the faculty's wisdom, born of experience, descended to what was practical; certain the holiday was beneficial.

One bit of critical observation may be allowed. Why was the bunting of 1905 employed this year? Where was the large banner of 1906? The lighting was

not so elaborate as last year. The only bit of Junior Class colors in evidence at the Prom. was the orange and black cord of the program. Class colors ought to be used in decoration instead of those used in preceding years.

The programs were exceptionally attractive and serviceable; more so than those of last year.

The patronesses present were Mrs. M. W. Stryker, Mrs. H. C. G. Brandt, Mrs. W. H. Squires, Mrs. Edward Fitch, Mrs. W. P. Shepard, Mrs. T. F. Nichols, Mrs. H. B. Ward, and Mrs. Henry White.

The weather for Prom. week has been very lenient and kind to the pleasure seekers, and afforded good coasting. There were a number of spills at the curves, but they only heightened the interest in the sport. Where is there such coasting as on College Hill?

### Theta Delta Chi Reception.

The Chi charge of Theta Delta Chi entertained at their home on Sophomore Hill Wednesday evening. The patronesses were Mrs. Charles Ives, of Clinton; Mrs. Flagler, of Westfield; Mrs. Nichols, of Clinton; Mrs. Griffith, of Schenectady; Mrs. Dean, of Elmira; Mrs. M. W. Stryker. The following ladies have been guests of members of the fraternity during the week: The Misses Hamilton, Adriance, Sherwood, Griffith, Williams, Ireland, Stevens, Flagler and Hopson.

### College Fraternities.

Last week LIFE printed an extract from one of a series of letters published in the New York Sunday Tribune advocating college fraternities. Another series of letters in the same paper was published, setting forth some of the evils of the system. The following is part of one of them.

To the Editor of the Tribune:

Sir:—One thing which does more harm to a college than any other is the spirit of competition among the fraternities. This spirit, while more in evidence at the smaller institutions, is not, however, confined entirely to them. The cause of this competition may be traced directly to the expense of keeping up a fraternity house. Take, for example, a college where three or four fraternities own or rent houses. The receipts from initiation fees, dues and board of members living at the house must be enough to meet the expenses of rent or possibly

interest on a mortgage, heating, lighting, a servant and incidental expenses, or the chapter must ask help from its alumni. To meet expenses the membership must be kept up to a certain standard, and as each fraternity is, so to speak, in the same boat, there is a great rush to get what is considered the best material in each incoming class.

To get members the fraternity must be popular in the sense that it must have its quota of men on the different teams and holding the different class and college offices. Right here is where the fraternity works the greatest detriment to the college and the student body. Each fraternity is trying to get the greatest number of men on a team and there is bound to be injustice somewhere. If the captain or whoever selects the team belongs to a fraternity, he is very likely to give preference to men belonging to his fraternity. The result is that the college is not always represented by the best possible team, and the students, who are not slow to realize this, do not support the team as they should.

Fraternities introduce politics into class and college elections, and here again the best man is often passed over. To give an example, in a certain college before the election of Senior class officers two fraternities formed a combination to keep another fraternity from getting the choice offices. With the help of several "neutrals" they succeeded to such an extent that out of eight Seniors in one "frat" seven were elected to some office, while the other fraternity got the class presidency and several minor offices.

All these things tend to kill college spirit.

A new disease has been discovered—"examinitis." A French doctor found that an examination always reduces the weight of candidates. He took 240 pupils, weighed them before and after examination and in every case there was a loss of weight, in some cases as much as two and a half pounds.

Schools and colleges, in the past, have largely made life irksome to the student. Punishments, threats, and dreaded examinations have been so much in evidence, that there has been an eager desire to get through school, and out of it. We only go back to the thing that has given us pleasure. Many college men got their education in college—and often never acquired any afterward.—The Philistine.

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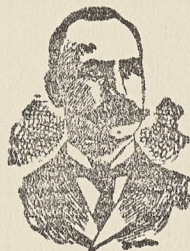
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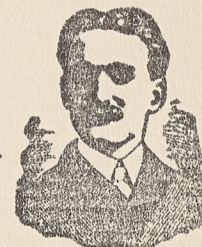
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## LIGHTS.

Wednesday evening the College was delighted beyond measure by the appearance of the long looked for electric lights. One week ago we did not believe that it would be possible to get the system started in time for the festivities. We doubted because we did not know of the pushing ability of the man behind. It is Prof. S. J. Saunders that has made possible this great benefaction. He has spent many laborious hours walking up and down the Hill, striving to push the work on to completion. It is not hard to believe that without his efforts we would not have had the lights for Junior week. To him the College owes a unanimous vote of thanks for his untiring interest and successful endeavors in its behalf.

## As Colgate Saw It.

LIFE prints the following extract from the account of the Hamilton-Colgate game published this week in the Madisonensis, the Colgate bi-weekly paper:

"The game was devoid of brilliant playing, but exciting from the closeness of the score. Roughness ran riot, although but thirteen fouls were called, seven on Colgate and six on Hamilton. The 'Varsity was badly handicapped by the absence of Brigham and by a poorly lighted gym. with a dance hall floor, carefully waxed for the Junior Prom. Thursday night and, incidentally, for the Colgate game."

## Junior Whist.

The Junior Whist Club held its second meeting at the Delta Upsilon House last Friday. Although "Rameses" was somewhat late in arriving, play was commenced about half after ten. Early in the evening the filling out of Prom. programs afforded a stock exchange effect, for particulars of which ask Barrows, Purdy, Roosa, et al., who displayed rank partiality in endeavoring to monopolize Sicard's and Bramley's girls.

After a hand or two of whist, Gibbon arrived with his paraphernalia. He had some really good jokes this time--cracked on him--and his idea of a flashlight seemed to take on the character of a thirteen inch bomb. The camera caught everybody either asleep or in an attitude of self defence, with the exception of "Rube" Maynard, who claimed he took a good picture.

The whist was engrossing, though chiefly so because of the phenomenally engineered hands that LeMunyan managed to hold throughout, and the inability of Drummond to take a trick with seven trumps. A delightful luncheon was served during the midnight hour. The crowd filtered away about three o'clock, leaving with regret a grand time and splendid hosts.

## The Delta U. House Party.

The Delta Upsilon Fraternity has been holding a house party extending from Wednesday until today. The chaperones are Mrs. Crim and Mrs. Williams of Utica. The guests: The Misses Hatch, of Oneida; Dunlap, of Holland Patent; Barker of Frankfort; Shepard of Ogdensburg; Tanner, of Utica; Ayrault, of Fairport; Roeckel, of Rockville Centre, L. I.; Merry, of Ilion; Crim, of Utica; and Butler, of Fairport.

## "Old Greek."

Hon. S. N. D. North, '69, has prepared for the press a work entitled "Old Greek, the Old Time Professor in the Old-Fashioned College: an Autobiographical Memoir of Dr. Edward North." The book, as its sub-title indicates, is largely made up of materials from Dr. North's own hand. Besides the class-room lectures whose publication has been so often called for, the work contains much of the highest value for Hamilton men, students as well as graduates, because of the light which it throws upon the past of the College. Dr. North was often urged to write a history of Hamilton College. While this volume is not a history in any formal sense, it abounds in valuable historical material, which is the more interesting because of the charm of the unique personality through whose eyes the reader surveys the past.

The following is a copy of the circular to alumni recently issued by Hon. S. N. D. North:

"In response to what appears to be the universal desire of the alumni of Hamilton College, as well as of many men prominent in the educational work of the country, I have prepared a memoir, with the above title, of the late Dr. Edward North, for 58 years professor of the Greek language and literature in that institution.

"It will be published in April, 1905, in a handsome volume of about 500 pages, illustrated with carbon-gravures, including portraits, college views, autographic letters, etc. It will be sold by subscription at \$2.50 per copy, net, in box postage prepaid. A small special edition, bound in half calf, will be sold at \$3.50 per copy.

"It has been called an 'Autobiographical Memoir,' because it consists chiefly of Dr. North's own writings, on many topics, during the 60 years in which his pen never seemed idle. It will include many of the lectures in whole or in part which appealed so strongly to the Hamilton boys during the college course. Thus it has interest and value for classical scholars, philologists and especially for teachers, embodying as it does the practical experience and the matured precepts of one of the most successful and versatile of American college instructors. It presents besides a unique picture of the best type of the college professor in the days when the intimate personal contact of student and instructor was the most vitalizing influence of

a college course. For this reason it possesses a wider significance than the ordinary biography, by typifying to many men of many colleges some saintly and inspiring personality connected with undergraduate life; for each of the smaller colleges has its own Dr. North, its own heritage of inspiration drawn from a career resembling his. Thus the memoir of 'Old Greek' carries a message which should reach far beyond the circle of his immediate acquaintance."

**Y. M. C. A. Notes.**

Sunday, February 19th, the meeting at four o'clock in the afternoon will be a student meeting, conducted by Weber, '05. Good singing and the discussion of a timely topic will consume the time.

The student meeting held last Sunday demonstrated the fact that a genuine and earnest meeting conducted exclusively by students is more than a fanciful theory, but a vital reality. More than one man felt the wholesome influence of the frank discussion that took place. None went away to scoff and criticise. Such meetings held occasionally would be a tonic for the association.

The chairman of the religious meetings committee is on the track of some able men to represent the professions of teaching and medicine in the series of life-work addresses. It is expected that Dr. Terry, of Utica, will be the speaker in behalf of medicine, and Mr. Mead, principal of the Utica Academy, will present the profession of teaching.

The association has an exceptional treat in store for March 5th, when Mr. Morris W. Ehnes will be present. He is one of the prominent young men closely connected with the student volunteer movement for foreign missions, being assistant secretary of this organization. Mr. Ehnes is a young man who has traveled much among the colleges. Having recently returned from his mission station, he has some thrilling tales and some pointed facts to relate.

Mr. Ehnes will occupy the College pulpit on March 5th, and will give an informal talk at the Y. M. C. A. in the afternoon. Further notice will be given later.

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### College Notes.

—Branch, '08, is taking a short vacation at his home in Manchester, N. H.

—Swetman, '07, after a severe attack of tonsillitis has returned from Camden.

—The Senior Club will meet next Wednesday evening for the second gathering.

—C. H. Allen, '07, has been confined to his bed for the past week with an attack of bronchitis.

—The drifts in front of Carnegie and in the rear of North College have taken on their old time appearance.

—Smith and McGaffin, '04, took in the dances the past week. They were the only representatives of last year's class on hand.

—It is rumored that DeWitt and Drummond are having their desks upholstered, as they are only used for lounging purposes.

—The coasting for this week has not been all that could be desired. It has been fast enough on the sidewalk, but altogether too rough for comfort. The road is too slow.

—The price of tickets for the Prom concert was the cause of many sighs and long reaches into well empty purses. The question is, why the necessity of so much of steepness?

—The liverymen are happy; they have sown their seeds. When they receive the replies to their bills they will know how large their harvest is. There have been times when these seeds were sown on unproductive soil.

—Last week Friday the Freshman basket-ball team played the five representing the Clinton High School. The result did not cause much rejoicing on

the part of the boys from the Hill. The first half was extremely one-sided; the Freshmen seemed to be dozing. But the second half was quite different. The Freshmen took a brace and seemed to

—The men who are congratulating themselves on the fact that we get a holiday next Wednesday, would do well to remember that if the exercises in the chapel are not well attended, there will be no holiday next year.

—The past week has been a busy one for the telephone company. The college lines have been in use constantly and "central" has had its hands full. Incidentally the college men might take notice of the fact that the company has employed extra help during the week to insure prompt attention.

—The holiday on Friday was heartily welcomed by the sleepy dancers. It seems to be the universal opinion that if we can get one day off every Junior week, on the condition that the dances last three nights only, that such ought to be the custom hereafter. Three nights of dancing is plenty long enough for most people.

—Perry Miller, '06, furnishes conclusive proof of the oft-repeated statement that the memory is that which forgets. Told, repeatedly told, warned and adjured up to the very hour, Miller failed to get into Utica for the Hamiltonian picture. However, Perry very kindly sets up the Board twenty-five cents per man.

—Owing to the fact that meters for the fraternity houses have gone astray and the electric lighting company can not locate them, the lights will be turned off to-day until they are found. The wiring and most of the apparatus of the company was lost track of while en route. In order to complete the line for the dances it was necessary for the company to borrow the material.

—The management of basket-ball doesn't put posters on the chapel bulletin, the Gymnasium and "North" for the fun of it. No one objects to the fellows taking them after the game has been played, but to take them four days before it—as was the case of the posters for the Colgate game on February 13th,—seems to us to be fair specimen of the actions of a man of little college spirit and absolutely no consideration for anybody save himself.

—The following have been guests of members of the fraternity during the week: The Misses Burrell, Schwab, Millington, Comstock, Rankin, Searles, Kilby, Schofield.

The game ended with the score 31-13 in favor of the C. H. S.

—"Prom" came off in all its glory on Thursday night. The usual number of stags were in evidence, especially at lunch time. "Kink" Mann and the '08 stags were in close proximity to the caterer the greater part of the intermission. "Alec" Drummond was conspicuous among the patronesses. "Al" Ebo acted as ticket agent. The floor and music were excellent. Of course there was the usual number of those unavoidable evils ones who persist in dancing around the room the wrong way, but a "Prom" wouldn't be a "Prom" without a few of these.

—The Junior debates for the past week have been real treats. Ferris talks expansively about a "pneumatic dock"—the discussion being about the pneumatic lock—and then accuses Drummond of talking for time. On Thursday Nellis was so far gone as to be unable even to state the proposition and the chair concluded that the debaters were too ill-prepared even to attempt a rebuttal. Murdock's spiel was a good example of ancient Hebraic poetic repetition and ranks the speaker among the first one-idea men of the age.

—An exciting game of pool was played in the Alpha Delta Phi Hall Wednesday evening by three members of the faculty. It was clearly demonstrated that during their college days various members of that august body had amusements other than bohning for Phi Beta Kappa keys and hunting for twelve spots. The chair of Romance Languages was easily the star of the evening, a run of seven balls having been chalked to his credit. The assistant in "math" worked hard, yet proved himself unable to accomplish anything except a logarithmic table. Out of consideration for his feeling we withhold the name of the third participant.

### The Alpha Delta Phi Reception.

The members of the Hamilton Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi gave their annual Prom week reception Wednesday evening. The patronesses were Mrs. H. Platt Osborne, Mrs. H. C. G. Brandt, Mrs. W. P. Shepard, of Clinton, and Mrs. Simmons, of Utica. The music was furnished by Wire's orchestra, of Herkimer. The following have been guests of members of the fraternity during the week: The Misses Burrell, Schwab, Millington, Comstock, Rankin, Searles, Kilby, Schofield.

**He Aimed High.**

When Horace Maynard entered Amherst College, he exposed himself to ridicule and curious jibes from fellow students by tacking up, over his door, a square of cardboard on which was inscribed the single letter, "V." Disregarding comment and question, he applied himself to his books, keeping ever before him the mysterious "V."

Four years later, after receiving the compliments of professors and students on the way he had acquitted himself as valedictorian of his class, young Maynard called the attention of his fellow graduates to the letter over his door. Then the light broke in upon them, and they cried out:

"Is it possible you had the valedictory in mind when you placed that 'V' over your door?"

"Assuredly I had," replied Maynard, and it was the simple truth. The same fixity of purpose, later, made him conspicuous in Congress, in diplomacy, and as postmaster general of the United States.—Ex.

**Among the Colleges.**

New York University, as the holder of securities of certain railroad companies, is asked by these companies to oppose the bills before Congress which authorize the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix rates for transportation. The University will ask those professors that have charge of the departments of economics, politics and law, to give their opinions as experts upon whatever bill is seriously considered by Congress. The professors will be asked to disregard the fact that the University is a holder of railroad securities, and consider only the greatest good to the greatest number.

Yale is to have two large, new dormitories, one on Crown street, the other on York street, near Pierson Hall, in the region where a large part of the academic Freshmen have their lodgings. The creation of dormitories of this kind is not favored by the Yale authorities, but, so long as the college dormitories do not supply the demand, there is no alternative. The growth of these outside dormitories, which are said to be a very profitable investment, has emphasized the need of new ones owned by the college, and the class of 1894 has already started with \$1,500, a dormitory subscription and appointed a committee to secure additional funds.

In addition to its other work at Amherst, the Christian Association is acting as a bureau for the benefit of the self-supporting men in college. It is expected that this branch of its work will be especially useful to students who desire positions during the summer vacation. Any men who wish to avail themselves of such services as the association can render in this way are urged to register

at once, as the plans for the solicitation of positions will depend somewhat upon the number who apply. Doubtless there are men in college who know of summer hotels or other places where openings for Amherst men could be secured. The general secretary would be glad to receive such information. Information concerning tutoring, boys' club work and other opportunities available to Amherst students will also be most acceptable to the bureau in carrying on his work.

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