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## The Hamiltonian.

Although it may seem somewhat premature, the *Hamiltonian* board wishes to urge all organizations, whose pictures will occur in the 1904 issue, to see the photographer about the matter as soon as possible. It is the intention to publish the book earlier in spring term than has been done heretofore, and for this reason all pictures must be in during the next few weeks.

The board also invites the undergraduates to submit literary material to the editors of their department. The object of the *Hamiltonian* is to show the alumni and friends of the college what we are doing here. This applies to the literary department as well as to athletics. To accomplish this, the fellows in college must take hold of the work; if they do not the board necessarily has to seek the alumni for material; and this detracts from the primary purpose of the publication. There are many men here who would make good writers, if they would only try their hand at it. Get to work, write up an article or a poem, submit it to the literary editors. They will appreciate your help, and at the same time you will have the satisfaction of helping along a good cause.

## Musical Club's Dates.

The musical clubs will open the season with a concert in Scollard Opera House on Wednesday evening. On Thursday night they will appear in the Presbyterian Church at Boonville, and there may be a trip to Gouverneur Friday. Later engagements will cover dates at Utica, Rome, Oneida, St. Johnsville, and perhaps Auburn. The manager is doing his best to arrange for Easter vacation a trip to include cities and towns in the southern part of the state. Hawley, '02, will assist the clubs as usual, Downey, '05, will give readings or recitations, and Ehret, '04, will entertain by his clever impersonations. The

individual members will certainly do credit to the clubs. The clubs themselves give promise of a better appearance than they made last year.

## Military Ball Accommodated.

Just as the Junior Prom. Committee were getting well under way in their preparations for the "Junior" they encountered a petition from Utica to change the date decided upon.

The people of Utica have made all arrangements for a grand ball, which some of the higher officials of the State are expected to attend. February 19 is the only convenient date for this function, and they also desire Gartland's orchestra, which the Prom. Committee had previously engaged for that night. Now, as a possible solution to this entanglement, they ask us to change the night of our dance. It would seem that right here is a chance to make ourselves solid with the most influential people of Utica. It certainly can make no material difference to us whether the "Junior" comes one day later than its scheduled time. We devote one whole week to social enjoyment. What does it matter about the order of events? There will necessarily have to be a rearrangement of the fraternity receptions, but this can be done without much trouble. The argument might be advanced that traditionally our Junior comes Thursday night and that no departure from that rule should be made. Still, on the other hand, we must remember that this year, more than any other, we will be under obligations to the citizens of Utica. In the course of a few weeks we expect to give a gymnastic exhibition at the Majestic, for the success of which we have to call on the support of Utica. Such an accommodation as they desire should for this reason alone be granted. Leaving out the question of courtesy altogether, from a purely financial standpoint, it would be to our advantage.

FORESIGHT.

## The Gym. Exhibition.

With the right kind of enthusiasm the college has decided to hold a gymnastic and musical entertainment at the Majestic in Utica early in March. With enthusiasm of the same sort the musical clubs and acrobatic teams have taken up their work, and if everyone gets in and boosts, the affair will be a grand success, a credit to old Hamilton. A good start was made in the selection of the committee. Dick Sherman, business manager, and his assistant, Rob Wicks, are both hustlers, well known in Utica and in a position to "push" the affair, as regards Utica, better than any other men on the hill. Jones, Blakely, Grant, Youker, Lambert and Collins will assist them. "Uncle" John will have entire charge of the stage arrangements; in fact the burden of the work will fall on him. He is willing to undertake it, however; and why shouldn't he be, because an entertainment in a small city is a trifling affair to a man who has played before distinguished audiences on both sides of the Atlantic.

Most of the men in college know what the entertainment will be like. It will be two hours of acrobatic, trapeze and heavy lifting work; with the intervals filled in with music. Every man in college should go and take at least four friends.

## Attention, Acrobats!

Men who wish to take part in the pyramids, Roman ladders, flying rings, acrobatic work, etc., will please meet me in the "gym" on Tuesday from 3:30 to 5 p. m. The teams of last year will have the first choice this year, and all those wishing to take part in these entertainments are invited to come to rehearsal on Tuesday.

The work in the "Gym" is rapidly improving and lots of new stunts are developing very rapidly. I predict that we can give a performance that will be a credit to Hamilton. J. J. CROSSLEY.

**Interclass Games.**

Hamilton does not make enough of interclass athletics. Other universities and colleges of our size and even smaller are represented in each branch of athletics by a class team. Athletics in a college are for the purpose of the physical exercise of each man, and are supported by the college so that each man may balance his mental development by physical work. If athletics in a college is confined merely to those men who by virtue of weight, speed, or any other quality are able to make a 'varsity, then the benefits that are reaped from this branch of college are confined to a few men, but if on the other hand, each class would support a foot-ball, baseball, basket-ball and track team, then it would call out a greater number of men from the college body, and athletics would become a personal pleasure, a benefit and would be more general in character.

Then again, there are times in college when things of interest lag and there is nothing to break the daily routine of study. Just at these times, class games might be played and thus arouse the student body from their slumber of study. Class spirit and rivalry are also awakened, and there is nothing better to keep things moving and everybody in good spirits than a good friendly controversy in athletics. Each 'varsity needs the support of every man possible and the incentive to make a class team would call more men out on the field or in the gymnasium. It might be a good thing to have a banner for the most successful class of the year. At least, some active and definite interest in interclass games would have a decidedly advantageous bearing on all the athletic teams.

**Who?**

Who has showed before the crowned heads of Europe?

Who has run gymnastic exhibitions all over America?

Who used to run the 100 yards in less than that?

Who now, at twice your age, can do stunts that you can't do?

Who is just as enthusiastic for Hamilton as any undergraduate?

Who is going to make the entertainment in Utica a success?

Answer: His first name is "Uncle" and his second is "John."

**Athletic Association Meeting.**

At the last meeting of the Athletic Association, held one week ago, all of the recommendations of the Advisory Board were accepted. To fill the vacancies caused by the withdrawal of Mann and Robinson, Wright was elected representative of the sophomore class, and Patton was placed in the position of assistant, and Bushnell, manager. By the action of the association at this meeting the management of the musical clubs was placed under the jurisdiction of the Advisory Board, the manager and his assistant to have places upon this board. The present managership, held by Harper '03, was ratified, and Hotchkiss '04, was elected assistant.

The next recommendation from the Board was in reference to a combination athletic and musical exhibition to be given some time this term at the Maestic Theater, Utica. The faculty, previously, had expressed itself as not opposed. The proposition when presented met with the unanimous approval of the student body, and the motion to present such an entertainment was carried immediately. A committee to complete arrangements for the entertainment was appointed.

**Prom. vs. Military Ball.**

As most of the fellows on the Hill know, the 44th Separate Company in Utica intend to give a grand military ball at the Armory some time in February. The date had been recently set by the committee on arrangements for the 10th of February—the same night as the Prom.—and negotiations were carried on with Gartland for music. However, as we had already engaged Gartland for that night the Company were forestalled. Wednesday a representative of the 44th and 28th had an interview with the Prom. Committee to endeavor to straighten out the matter. It was proposed, in view of the fact that many of the fellows have intended to attend the Military Ball, that the date of the Prom. be changed, say to Friday, with the two previous nights for the fraternity receptions.

Thursday morning the Prom. Committee considered a proposition of the militia men and decided to give the "Junior" on Friday instead of Thursday. The fraternity dances will probably move forward to the night later than the present plan would call for.

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

The Social Committee plans to entertain the college and its guests after the concert which is usually given in Prom. Week. We hope this new feature will have the interest of all and that it will add to the success of the festivities.

This committee has also in charge the procuring of a Ping Pong table for the upper rooms in Silliman Hall. The members of the Association will be asked to contribute for this purpose. Any one else who wishes to give to this fund will please see Mr. Carmer.

Dr. Riggs, professor of Biblical Criticism and Greek in Auburn Theological Seminary, will preach tomorrow in Chapel and will talk at the afternoon meeting of the Y. M. C. A.

**1904 Prayer Meeting Topics.**

January 15—Time and Pains for Christ. Matt. 13:44-46. Miner.

January 22—Self-mastery. 1 Cor. 9:24-27. R. U. Sherman.

January 29—Consecration of Ability. Hagai 2:19; Mark 12:29-31. Sisson.

February 5—The Liberty of Christ's Service. Gal. 2:4. Toll.

February 12—Opportunities to do Good. John 4:5-15. Wisewell.

February 19—The Power of a Prayerful Lite. 1 Thess. 5:17. Pratt.

February 26—The One Thing that I Know. John 9:25. Wicks.

March 5—Our Eternal Destiny. Matt. 13:47-50. Lown.

March 12—Don't Worry. Matt. 6:25-34. Ferguson.

**Basket Ball Troubles.**

The result of the Amherst-Hamilton basket ball game has little of comfort in it for Hamilton men. 61 to 6 is an overwhelming score, showing as it does that the team was entirely outclassed. It might as well be recognized at the start, the team this year is badly crippled and incapable of holding its own. This is due largely to the fact that basket ball has never been sufficiently esteemed at Hamilton. The team, it is safe to say, is doing its best. That its best is not so good as the best of others, is not important beside the fact that it is the Hamilton team and deserves the support of every Hamilton man. When the men return from their trip they should be given the yell outside of Chapel just the same as though they had won. Because,

after all, it is the disposition to win, not the victories, that Hamilton men should approve.

**Chess Club.**

The following men have won in the preliminary contest for the team:

Landers and Owens, '03; Richardson, '05; and Driscoll and Rood, '06.

These men are playing now for position. The team will consist of the highest three or four. The date of the meet with Syracuse has not yet been settled.

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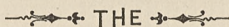
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A PROPER REMEDY.

When the college decided to put the musical clubs under the supervision of the Advisory Board, it showed a keen appreciation of the main trouble with things musical at Hamilton. It diagnosed the case as acute impracticality and general lack of business methods, and prescribed what to us seems the only possible effective remedy. The mere presence of good material will not make a good musical club; it requires a business element and an element of supreme authority in the leader. Both manager and leaders this year are especially worthy of their offices, but they felt the need of thorough organization, and responsibility to some higher authority. The first really important step in connection with the new arrangement is the engaging of Prof. I. T. Daniel, of Utica, to drill the Glee Club. Even the first rehearsal marked a decided improvement, and the third rehearsal Tuesday afternoon will send the club a long way further in the direction of perfection.

Someone may question whether music has any interest for the Advisory Board. We do not see how the Advisory Board can sustain any harm from its new branch; we are sure that the musical clubs will be benefited greatly. The question of relative importance of athletics and music, or any other college activity, will of necessity have an answer that is purely personal. But upon absolute merits of the question, we believe that musical clubs can acquire much credit for the College along the line of their trips.

MUSICAL CLUB'S CONCERT.

It is up to every man in college to be at the concert of the musical clubs in

the Scollard Opera House, Wednesday night. No team in college works more faithfully than this. No team has it so much in its power to wield a good influence for Hamilton as this. The clubs deserve all the encouragement the student body can give them.

Prof. I. T. Daniel, of Utica, has been engaged to drill the glee club. His experience in this line is broad. He has good material. You can guess the result.

TO ENLIVEN JUNIOR WEEK.

Junior Week will be kept lively this year if present plans are carried out. The Y. M. C. A. have decided to hold a reception in Silliman Hall on one of the afternoons of Prom. Week. This certainly will be a very pleasant affair. The Glee and Instrumental Clubs will entertain in the Chapel on Friday afternoon, and a basket ball game between the University of Pennsylvania and Hamilton is now under consideration for another afternoon. Of course to supplement all this the fellows are hoping for good coasting, for we are proud of our favorite winter sport.

INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE.

An intercollegiate debating agreement among the members of the present N. Y. S. I. A. U.,—why wouldn't it be an especially helpful and desirable arrangement? Hamilton has been known to scholars and educators for years on account of her Clark Prize oratory and McKinney Prize debates. It would be manly and courageous to bring this reputation to the test. Why not see whether Colgate and Rochester and Hobart have a better right to such a reputation? Of course, we do not believe they have; but why not prove it? We believe heartily in thorough training in oratory and debate. An intercollegiate contest in oratory or debate would give a wonderful stimulus to this department.

HE'S A HAMILTON MAN.

One of the speakers at the Whites-town Seminary reunion to be held in Utica will be Elia S. Yovtcheff, Hamilton, '77. He is a Bulgarian patriot who was driven out of that country for saying things in his paper. After graduation from Hamilton he returned to his home in Sofia and rose rapidly in public life, at one time being in the Cabinet. Then the conservative element in the nation came into power and Yovtcheff was

banished. He was recently appointed to the detective service on District Attorney Jerome's staff in New York. In college he was prominent as a scholar, a speaker and an athlete.

ABOUT KNOCKING.

Owing to a surplus of copy we cannot publish the customary knocks on:

- The mail man.
- No lights in the dormitories.
- The frigidity of the plunge.
- The surreptitious appropriation of magazines from the Y. M. C. A.

The irrelevant, irreverent and entirely unjustifiable action of the faculty on everything.

But we have room for a good old fashioned knock on the extreme polarity and zeroosity of the rooms in the Hall of Languages.

Cane Spree.

As far as can be learned the cane spree is a thing unknown in Hamilton College. At least in late years it has not been ventured. A cane spree would be an interesting and altogether profitable experiment. It would be a good thing for the college to have a distinct "rushing" week during spring term; a week given over to the sub-freshmen, when the various societies could hold receptions, the interscholastic track meet take place, and the declamatory contest as a finale. Such a week would inevitably draw a large class from the prep. schools.

At such a time would a cane spree held in the gymnasium between representatives of the two under classes be opportune? Although this plan would have in it nothing of originality for Hamilton, well could we follow the example of various other institutions where the proposition has met with decided and immediate success.

The January "Lit."

The January "Lit" will be out next Tuesday. In addition to the regular features it will contain a house-boat story, history of the department of Physics, an essay on the Pennsylvania Dutch, and a story of the conversation of two college drunkards. Some good college verse is presented: "Bibliomaniac," "The Old and New Years," "To My Cigarette," "To Sothern in Hamlet," and a sonnet.

**Press Exaggerations.**

The wisdom of several articles appearing in the papers recently and written by members of this student body is questionable. Certain customs and events have been held up before the public in an exaggerated and ridiculous light, and though unintentional, a grain of falsity has crept in. This misinterpretation of college custom and spirit is unfortunate, and when given to a public ignorant of existing conditions and circumstances is capable of doing untold injury. Surely we are not criminals, and our pathetic attempts at being witty are made none the less brilliant by equally pathetic and ludicrous attempts to publicly ridicule them. Hamilton has long felt the need of a press club, but such articles as the above mentioned reflect no credit upon the contributor, nor do they fill that void which the press club should satisfy. In fact one such article is capable of doing more harm than the press club can remedy with five. Radicalism and exaggeration are dangerous weapons, especially when exhibited in the columns of the daily press. The correspondent cannot be too careful. He must consider that his article is to be read by those ignorant of the real conditions existing, and he must weigh well the effect of impressions wrongly given. Certainly there is a proper place for the little "hammer," and "knocking" can have none but pernicious effects outside the circle within which its ring is known. Conservatism is a rich gift and should be cultivated by every correspondent. Do not be erratic. You have no right to injure this institution wrongly, though unwittingly. Better that your article be left unwritten than to be given to the public and have such effect. Give the plain, true facts. Do not conceal the truth, but put it in its rightful setting. Do not send it forth interpreted in terms of your own prejudice. Such articles as the above mentioned should be guarded against. There is enough that can be said about our college and its activities that is good and wholesome. Things of interest happen here. Of course, Hamilton is not perfect. Unhappily, perfection is incapable of attainment, even in the college world. A plain, true statement of our faults is not resented. It is just. But there is absolutely no excuse for delving down into the realm of the ridiculous, exaggerating petty offenses and faults and turning them loose thus portrayed upon an unsuspecting people.

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College Notes.

—There was a "Breezy Time" in Clinton Thursday.  
 —The Interclass Debate is probably only a month off.  
 —The scurf posters cost the sophomores \$1.31 apiece.  
 —Childs '05, say that mistake is a grammatical figure in Latin.  
 —"Prex" has announced a cut for the sophomores in Bible for Monday.  
 —Tom Sherman has been elected captain of the freshman basket ball team.  
 —Lewis '02, instructor in the Little Falls High School, visited the Hill last week.  
 —Paton and Downey have "ridden the goat" and are numbered among the D. T.'s  
 —The temperature Monday morning according to Capt. Davis was fifteen below zero.  
 —The Junior Whist Club held its first meeting at the Chi Psi house on last evening.  
 —The gentlemen of the Delta Upsilon entertained at a coasting party Wednesday night.  
 —The Psi U. Juniors were honored by the company of the Junior Whist Club last night.  
 —Schnitz and Ferris differ on pronunciation. Ferris' dialect appears to be low German.  
 —Huff, '03, has been called home in response to a telegram announcing the death of his father.

—Bramley, '06, was sick during the early part of the week with a slight attack of apendicitis.

—"Schnitz" informs the sophomores that Queen Louise was a far better woman than her husband.

—A sermon from "Square," whom we have not heard in Chapel this year, would be very acceptable.

—Glee and Mandolin clubs have been practicing steadily during the past two weeks in preparation for their first trip.

—There is quite a smallpox scare in Utica. The Clinton trolley cars are still managing to do business, however.

—The chess tournament has been raging hotly for the past week and considerable good material has been developed.

—Stuart '03, will read a paper at the third meeting of the "Lit. Club," if he does not have to debate upon the same day.

—Barrows '06, is Bill Shep's authority on army matters. The juniors might have interviewed him on the canteen question.

—The basket ball team was very much crippled because of the inability of Sherman, Kelly and Bramley to go on the trip this week.

—Sherrill Sherman '04, was sick during the early part of the week and thus prevented from going on the trip with the basket ball team.

—Barrows '06 gives as an example of the worthiness of the "Wife of Bath" in Chaucer's prologue the fact that she had been married five times.

—"Bugs" suggests that the fellows clear off a spot and have a skating pond. He says that shoveling snow would be good exercise for his physiology class.

—Work on the interior of the Commons is being pushed rapidly. Most of the wood-work has been finished and a large range has been placed in the kitchen.

—"Bib" gives the sophomores a lecture on the uses of the word Gents and says that a person ought never to buy anything where the sign "Gent's Furnishings" appears.

—Tommy MacLaughlin ex-'03, is playing on a basket ball team in Columbia which is composed of men who have been at other colleges and are taking post-graduate work at Columbia.

—"Uncle John" is hard at work getting ready for the exhibition which is to be given in Utica. The entertainment will surely be a success if hard work and good training count for anything.

—Dr. Earl E. Woolworth, '93, formerly of Clinton, was thrown from his carriage while driving in New York City during the week. His skull was severely fractured but it is hoped he will recover.

Man and His Shoes.

"How much a man looks like his shoes! For instance, both a sole may lose;

Both have been tanned; both are made tight

By cobblers; both get left and right; Both need a mate to be complete, And both are made to go on feet.

They both need heeling, oft are sold, And both in time will turn to mold.

With shoes the last is first; with men The first shall be last; when

The shoes wear out they're mended new.

When men wear out they're men dead, too!

They both are trod upon, and both Will tread on others, nothing loath;

Both have their ties, and both incline, When polished, in the world to shine.

And both peg out. Now, would you choose

To be a man or his shoes?"—*Ex.*

The Orpheum.

The orpheum bill for next week includes some of the most noteworthy vaudeville artists ever played in Utica. Chief among them are Tess Daudy, the famous Hebrew imitator and parodist. In this particular line of work Mr. Daudy has no superiors. He is on a par with Joe Welch, starring in "The Peddler," and George Sidney, a successful star in "Busy Izzy." The Colibris Midgets are five tiny artists who give an almost entire vaudeville show themselves. They do songs and dances, do some clever acrobatic work, and do a hair-raising trapeze turn. They will become great favorites before their week is up. Jane Corthope and Company, Murphy and Willard in their funny skit, "Doughnuts," Margaret Webb, sweet singer; Wesly White, Irish Comedians; May Leon, novel animal act, and Reiss Brothers, juggler, will complete the bill. It promises to be a program well worth seeing and will afford a pleasant afternoon or evening to all who enjoy refined entertainment.

—The trolley service to Utica was cut from twenty minutes to hourly last week

**The Question Unsatisfactory.**

The debaters have received their question from the Columbia men. It is worded: "Resolved, That President Roosevelt's policy in appointing negroes to offices in those states where public opinion is against it, is unwise." The fellows do not like the question as it is worded. They will probably ask for a revision of it, or they will ask permission to choose a subject, leaving to Columbia the choice of sides. Of course it is known that the debate will take place in the chapel on February 23, the legal holiday for Washington's birthday this year.

**Are You a Clubman ?**

There are at present practically five clubs open to members of the junior and senior classes. "La cercle francaise," met last night and holds its meetings every other week. To balance this there is the old-time, well-known "Dutch Club," which meets twice a month on Friday nights alternating with the French Club. The Science students are not by any means left out. The Biology students have their weekly meeting on Thursday evenings; and Chemistry students have a standing invitation to a weekly smoker and general good time at Prof. Saunders' home. The last club to be formed is an English Literature Club which will spend two Wednesday nights a month discussing modern fiction and authors.

—Upon the door of the neighboring school house appeared a notice that the commissioner would "recieve" taxes on a specified day. That school commissioner is a peach at spelling.

**JIMMY'S PAL TO JIMMY.**

*By the way, old man, I see Jess Daudy is to be at the ORPHEUM next week. Saw him at New York last fall and he's the best Jew Comedian I ever heard. He has a lot of swell stuff, so "tout" him to all the boys as worth seeing. The rest of the bill looks mighty good, there's Colibris Midgels, you know them, and other favorites. Say! Lou Anderson that swell young thing from Boston, is visiting at Grace's. Guess you'd sort of hate to take her to the Theatre, eh! Jim? Let me know just when you can come down and I'll fix it so we can all go together.*  
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