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A Christmas Greeting.

Yule-tide with all its manifold happy recollections and its bright anticipations is rounding the last lap of the year. As we look back through the vista of past college days many bright spots and dark are visible. The mutterings of the storm of exams. have been sounding over this hillside. At last the downpour has been precipitated upon us and we are launched upon a sea of uncertainty and are unwilling to agree to that pretty little Italian proverb which says that "everything is beautiful."

But thanks to the imperial kindness of the powers that be a respite from the strenuousness of the past week will be favored us in the form of a three weeks' vacation. Remember to make this first Christmas of a century of Christmases one which will forever shine forth as an oasis in the plain of life and make this holiday season a garden for the ripening of thought and the forming of good resolutions.

As we glance back at the record of our Alma Mater we are amazed at the strides of advancement which have signaled its history. But today's triumph dictates new struggles tomorrow. Man is a pilgrim journeying toward the new and beautiful city of the Ideal. That man is ready for his burial robes who lets his present laurels satisfy him. Then let our every deed and strife be for the betterment of our college. In the past this institution was founded with lofty aims; in the future we are to carry on and perfect those aims.

This is the time of the proverbial leaf-turning and of resolution. Persons who are to transform the world must be themselves transformed. Life must be full of inspiration. The one duty of life is, lessen every vice and enlarge every virtue. What the world needs is not multitudes, but examples and ideals. Let each one of us resolve to come unto the perfect man, remembering that there is nothing which makes men rich and

strong but that which they carry inside of them, and when the festal period is past may we all return to this beautiful hillside, where rests "*carissima*," with determination to live the strenuous life in the morning of this new century. Time is the only thing which can be saved by spending it.

The best way to make Christmas happy is to live near to Nature's heart. He who does nothing for others does nothing for himself. Nevertheless, do not worry over presents, for everything you wish is in the dictionary. By the by, what could be more appropriate at this time of good feeling than to pay your subscription to LIFE? Lately the superabundance of money on the hill has been manifest, so do not fail to drop in your mite to the manager before starting for home. A run down to the city, a gunning trip up north, a few days on the farm down east, these, and many others, are the anticipations toward which we are looking.

LIFE wishes to all those who hold the name of Hamilton dear a Christmas to be remembered forever for its joyousness and a holiday season filled with all the joys which you all can wish and a New Year which shall be the keynote of a year of advancement and success. Beecher once said: "Some men move through life as a band of music moves down the street, flinging out pleasure on every side, through the air, to everyone far and near, that can listen." May all sons of Hamilton form such a band and send pleasure into every home which is represented in "Our Lady of the Hill."

Look Ahead.

Now that the conclusion of the current term with its vicissitudes and victories is imminent, it behooves the man of college spirit and anticipative affiliation to look forward to the opening of our winter term as a more glorious opportunity for more glorious sequel. What has been

done in the term now nearly ended should be emulated to its betterment in all laudable lines and should be eliminated in the less desirable ones. Success will attend our efforts in general at the end. Next term will be replete with chances for individual and corporate distinction. With the variety of college interests represented, every man should assume an obligation to contribute to the general credit and good repute of our fair name. All lines and avenues are open. Basket-ball, with an excellent schedule affords a glorious opportunity for the promotion of our name in the athletic world, both here and intercollegiate. The indoor exhibition which, if all goes well, will exceed in scope and skill that of the former season, opens a lane along which all our gymnasts may propel their efforts. There will be more than one exhibition in the event of the success of the first, and that means much to every man, and consequently to the college. The projected interclass and intercollegiate debates gives chances for forensic fame and class distinctions. Those who are on the committees for these demonstrations are heaviers at their work and need the support of each and every man. The work for the spring inter-academic track meet should not devolve alone upon the officers in charge, but each man as he is able should promulgate the cause and perfect our scheme to advertise our interests and swell the names upon the scroll of next year's class.

The musical clubs are now well under way and under capable leadership and management. Let there be more men to lend their efforts to the development of representative talent in all these clubs.

Bohn in and improve your faults committed last term in the line of scholarship. Let every freshman realize that he must start right, else it's hard to be swerved back to the proper course.

This above all. Let no man sit and watch those in authority at their endeavor-

ors, and then in the privacy of discontent at their own apathy impute false motives to those who are at the helm and guiding our course as best they know. All pitch in for Hamilton, for your class, and for yourself. Hamilton will prosper, your class will be given its full credit, and yourself will surely never suffer for your sacrifice, whether it meets with its representative reward, or whether the credit be tabled in the hearts and memories of those whose good opinion of you will never work you harm.

The Benefit Entertainment.

[A CRITICISM.]

The best criticism is said to be the criticism that deals with minute faults and praises details. In the first place account must be taken of the fact that the clubs had previously been asked to assist, and when it came to arranging a program the weight of the whole matter rested upon them. A first-class entertainment cannot be improvised in a night, and the clubs generously came to the assistance of what they believed a worthy cause.

All did well under the circumstances. To speak with more prolixity, it might be said that the mandolin club should have practiced more. It is capable of better music than it put up Saturday evening. It has better music, and at the entertainment which precedes the northern trip the college will look for a much better appearance than the last.

The banjo club did well considering that this was their first appearance. They need more practice and ought to have more selections in their repertoire. Both of these clubs have all they can do by persistent, earnest effort to put up a sufficiently creditable appearance for the mid-winter trip. A part of every day ought to be given up for practice. This is the only way that they can do justice to themselves and to the college.

The glee club needs more of what is commonly known as "stunts." They need livelier music. Something funny in the musical line would be much appreciated. They had used the same music so much that they had become somewhat careless in their rendition. This won't do. The selections must be bright, cheery, and well-enunciated in order to meet with approval from an audience.

The impersonations were good, but they also could have been improved by

drill. They need to work up something new in order to keep their own interest at the highest pitch.

This is putting the worst side out. We must commend these clubs and the men, individually, for starting just the thing that Hamilton needs. They have done well. They should have the appreciation and thanks of the college. Messrs. Hawley, Webster and Scoville are doing all in their power to make these clubs a success. They have done nobly, and next term we are looking forward to daily rehearsals and some good hard work in order to put out Hamilton's best. So here's to good luck for all next term.

The Lot of the Lot.

In our columns have appeared anticipatory and premonitory articles as to evils and woes of these days of mental travail. However the prospect may appeal to our expectancy, its realization and materialization far transcends in throe the thought of its approach. We speak with sighs of coming troubles but we sigh and sob over their dire advent.

Now that the week of woes is on us and we are mingled and mired in the midst, we surely suffocate in the swamp of suppurrated sense and stagnant thoughts. The candles of the mind burn low and there is little oil of quick replenishment. Our apprehensions come and go in crowds and hordes of horrors lay their siege to mind and body, leaving us "as on a darkling plain swept with confused alarms of struggle and of flight where ignorant armies clash by night." We cannot "hang our banners on the outward wall," for they are there imperiled. We must wait for the assured victory before we can unfurl them. "One woe doth tread upon another's heel" and "they come not single spies but in battalions." All do their best to "take up arms against their sea of troubles," but some in the opposition do not end them. For some, "What I aspired to be and was not comforts me" is the sole consolation and that the honey of hypocrisy. For some the course runs smooth; for others, "the times are out of joint" and they must wail, "O cursed spite! that ever I was born to set them right;" for failure flings the pall before the eye and disconcerts the aim of mental optics.

Many are "the midnight vigils and the consultations;" many those whose periods protract themselves beyond the noon of night and last until the "con-

querer day rides through dawn's golden gate." In chapel oft the eye unvisited by "sore labors bath" appears evidencing no "balm to the hurt mind." With unkempt, bedded locks the weary wights present themselves for mental vivisection. Their tresses one and all are "knotted and combined," there being no evidence of "particular hairs." With touseled truant wigs the workers work and smear their intellectual faces with the grime of the mind's toil. But 'tis always darkest ere the dawn of the dream's desire, and this be our solace. Watch for the breaking of this hour of relief even though it entail a fractured reputation which when "mended is but patched" in the eyes of the censorious faculty. Many will have to "renounce their qualities as men" in resignation to the absence of their next term's liberties, but this theory that men are of an equal birth was ever false. "Why should we shrink from what we cannot shun? Pursue what chance and fate proclaim the best; peace wants us on the shores of Acheron."

The Dramatic Club.

It seems to be up to the dramatic club to do something. They have had hard luck, to be sure, but at the beginning of winter term the college is looking for them to do something good. Every play so far selected has presented insuperable difficulties. At the last, several were selected and when they arrive a proper choice will be made. Nevertheless, this problem of dramatics is one which calls for heavy and laborious efforts in order to ensure success. If there is to be a club this year it must put itself in readiness, and when they can show to the satisfaction of the college that they have worked hard enough to do their best in an entertainment they will receive deserved approbation. Small details in regard to a play can be easily remedied. What the club needs is to club together as a unit and "pound out" something. It should be the united efforts of every member belonging to its organization. So with a hearty word of warning to do something, and a wish for its success, we leave it to watch for it again after Christmas vacation.

—It is understood that there are eighteen sophomore who have elected analytic. This certainly must be a math. class.

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THURSDAY noon the term closes. We are all of us making plans for the holidays. Some will pass their time in reveling; others in attending dances, and some, alas, in bohning in order to escape the wrath of the discipline committee. To you all LIFE extends its best wishes for a most enjoyable vacation, and if our readers will pardon the presumption we will suggest that every undergraduate call on every Hamilton alumnus in his town and acquaint him with all facts pertaining to the college. This is the way to keep up interest in their Alma Mater. They want to hear of her growth and prosperity; they like to ask about athletics and scholarship. Some of them possess only a small amount of this world's goods and think therefore that they can be of no use to the college; that all we need is money. Dispel such by your assurance that Hamilton wants men. Along with our new year's resolution let's make one to the effect that the class of 1906 will number 100 men if it is in our power to do it. We have a vacation of twenty days. Visit the prep. schools and get acquainted with the senior class. Talk college and Hamilton to them. It will cost you nothing and will be invaluable to the college.

ONE thing which has been harped on in these columns continually, and which still seems to need more harping is the apparent listlessness on the part of a number of students to all that is going on about them. It is rather late in the year, to be sure, to be talking of this, but perhaps some of those concerned will be hereby reminded to do some careful thinking when they make their New Year's resolutions.

We regret to say that the number of such men is inexcusably large. In a body of one hundred and eighty-five fellows gathered together from widely scattered places, we would expect to find some of a retiring disposition, men who seem to find their best company with themselves; but the proportion here is altogether too great. It seems as though it had been said often enough that you are losing the greatest advantages of your college course by confining yourselves within the limits of your studies and your room. The mind is not all that needs developing; there is a vital necessity of having a fitting "man" in which that developed intellect can show itself to good advantage. Who would think of setting a diamond in a piece of pine board for an ornament? What artist would paint a Madonna with a sand pile for a background? The beauty of the gem or the face, however wonderful, would not be appreciated for lack of the proper setting. So it is with these men who seek naught but mental training; they become intellectually topheavy; and the mind which might be called truly great passes unnoticed by reason of its incongruous surroundings. To make those surroundings congenial and pleasing is half what your college course is for. Don't spend quite so much time in "pipping a lesson cold," get out among your fellows and rub off a few of your rough edges. You have over a hundred patterns from which you can pick out the finest points for moulding your own character; you cannot get rid of your eccentricities by sitting in a study chair with a book in front of you. Make friends; become more intimate with everybody; get into athletics and do what the rest are doing; strive for a few college honors outside of the scholarship list. Remember that it isn't always the smartest man who wins out in the end. The fellow with lots of friends, a good common sense head on his shoulders, and with an experienced knowledge of how to handle himself among men, is more often the one who receives the palm when his work is done. The whole world is in competition against you. Look out for the man who took something more than the "valedic" from his alma mater.

THE schedule which received such general approval in the columns of our last issue has fallen from its grace and grandeur. In its pristine perfectness it was virtually unassailable and no one

scanned it with a view of stricture. But time and small amounts thereof at that has wrought a change which incommodes no few of the men. It even imposes on some as now arranged. We hear of men who are under obligation to try from two to four examinations on one day. This crowds the time prior to the examination day and what is worse, the day itself. Of course, in some instances the subjects are of such a nature as to mitigate the inconvenience and alleviate its gravity, but that condition is one of extreme rarity. It would seem that such an excellent schedule need not have been mutilated to the discomfort and perchance defeat of some unfortunate. Here's hoping that no one is driven to the ditch.

ON THURSDAY the college at large, possessed of an unflinching confidence in the phragmatic stability of custom and of code, expected to receive its mail at the appointed hour. At the scheduled period, on investigation information seekers were apprised of the documentary dearth. Not only had no mails been brought from town but none had had even been bagged and borne to the intended train. Now the college body is liberal or conservative as demand dictates. It seems that despite the fact that examinations are in full swing, the mails might be carried with the usual promptness. If the incumbent himself were unable to attend to them he might with perfect ease secure someone as a substitute. All the men are not in trouble simultaneously. Such shifts have to be made in other branches of more vital interest to the college and why not in this department? The mails ought not to lie awaiting for their porter till the thick of noon and after.

LIFE sympathizes deeply with Payne, '02, in the recent loss of his father. Thrown thus into a condition of orphanage in his early career his classmates and friends extend to him their deep and generous kindred feeling.

—Dewey has lately become an apostle of early rising. It is said that he left a call for a five o'clock awakening on Thursday morning.

—Everyone seems to be very much pleased with the exam. schedule. The exams. do not seem to be crowded and it gives time for preparation in each subject.

The Trolley at Last.

Thursday at noon Clinton saw a gala day, unequaled in its history save by two events, the visit of the nation's President, Grover Cleveland, and the town's centennial. The first official and scheduled trip of the completed trolley road was made. The residents and habitants from the adjacent districts were congregated in the streets to the aggregate of 1500. Popular music furnished by Bergner's band resounded as the car, laden with the leading men, swept slowly around the curve to the accompaniment of cheers and pealing bells. After the representation of prominent townsmen had been photographed they adjourned to the Wirth House for a sumptuous banquet under the supervision of Host Hickok. At high noon the car made its infant trip from Clinton to Utica with a load of pioneers, and now affairs are on the boom. Hurrah!

Many of the college men were present at the ceremonies and to them in particular was the occasion one of lavish festivity. No more interminable waits and drawn out lingerings. Competition is the life of traffic, both of body and of soul. Here's to the road and here's to the town, a good old hospitable toast from Hamilton.

The cars will leave Utica and Clinton hourly. The fare to New Hartford and return as purchased in one coupon will be 15 cents. That from New Hartford to Utica and return, 5 cents each way.

Interclass Debate.

Two years ago was inaugurated the custom of a midwinter debate, between the senior and junior classes. It aroused interest, gave impetus to debate, and in general helped to promote good feeling. This custom ought not to be dropped. It ought to continue to help while away the weary hours of winter. Now that a challenge has been sent to Colgate it is absolutely necessary to prepare for their acceptance, and in this contest is the best place to begin. We want to hear another sparring match of wit and wisdom between the sages of the two upper classes. We want to hear another storm of applause ring through the echoing corners of the Chapel as some speaker makes a decided hit. With the talent which each class possesses there ought to be a right good and witty contest.

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Trains arrive at Clinton from Utica, 8:30 a. m., 12:40 p. m., 5:24 p. m., 11:50 p. m. From Rome, 8:20 a. m., 5:10 p. m. From South, 7:50 a. m., 11:20 a. m. 2:40 p. m., 6:25 p. m.

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Mails Close—For Utica, 7:30 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 6:00 p. m. For Rome, 11:00 a. m., 6:00 p. m. For South, 8:15 a. m., 12:25 p. m.

Sunday mail open from 12:00 to 1:00 p. m. Sunday mail closes at 5:20 p. m.

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College Notes.

—To "Ute" and return, 25 cents.

—Beach, ex-'04, visited the college this week.

—Dr. Root left Clinton for the West Wednesday.

—Both halls of North are now well lighted. It's up to South.

—There will be no Y. M. C. A. meeting on Sunday afternoon.

—Mrs. Kelly had a "boom" after the college meeting Saturday.

—"Nick" advises a coasting party the night before Analyt exam.

—Raymond wonders why the fellows laugh at his translations in Latin.

—Yale will play Hamilton in basketball Feb. 8 at the armory in Utica.

—Tennant rather astounded "Bill" Squires in saying that the Lord never prayed.

—The seniors celebrated their last Saturday noon chapel by some excellent orations.

—"Windy" must think Heyl is deaf, judging from the way he addresses him in class.

—The last of the sophomores ended their trouble with "Schnitzie" last Saturday afternoon.

—The contract for the '03 *Hamiltonian* has been signed and it is reported that it will be out May 1st.

—The committee appointed to challenge Colgate to a debate has dispatched its summons and is awaiting a reply.

—"Square" told the freshmen that his examinations were like church fairs—easy to get into, but hard to get out of.

—"Stink" says if any one is now a believer in the flood, he should become acquainted with the college water works.

—Quite a few fellows were down town on Thursday noon to see the arrival of the first car on the new line from Utica.

—"Windy," while talking of block heads the other day, seemed to keep his eyes on Ehret more than necessary.

—Dr. Brandt set sail for Europe Tuesday. He expects to visit Greece and Egypt before settling down in the "Vaterland."

—White, '04, in Biology, explains that the reason for the nervous system being so useful was that the gall bladder ground up the food.

—Managers of both baseball and basketball report that they are forming a fine schedule and that there are many good games arranged for the coming season.

—After the entertainment Saturday night the members of the clubs serenaded "Schnitzie." Songs and yells were indulged in freely but no "stogies" appeared.

—At a freshman class meeting held Monday afternoon the following officers were elected: President, Harley Stowell; vice-president, Colvin Macdonald; secretary, George Day; treasurer, Harry Bosworth. Royal France was chosen manager of basketball, and the captain will be elected by the team.

To the 1903 Hamiltonian Board.

It gives the predecessors of the present incumbents of the Hamiltonian Board great satisfaction to see the aggressiveness with which they are prosecuting the work. We realize all the difficulties that must be surmounted, and while impressing on the board of editors the importance of strenuous initiative, we would gladly proffer our counsel and advice in the directing of the same. The advertising managers have a large share of the load saddled on their shoulders, and on their discharge of this responsibility depends in no mean measure the success of the publication. Success means rush! rush! rush! We want to see your publication the best annual yet edited, and to that end will bend our best efforts of advice as far as time permits. Work together and each man do his several parts as tho he were the only man to be relied on though!

Indoor Athletics.

Uncle John left for home Friday. It may not be out of place here to note that with two exceptions the freshmen have been uniformly regular in attendance. With 55 men in the class, only 40 cuts were taken. What department can show an equal record? Uncle John certainly deserves the highest credit for his commendable work.

During the winter term, at least, two indoor exhibitions will be given. Last year's record will help to increase the gate receipts perceptibly. To Uncle John is all the credit due. So here's to a Merry Christmas to a man whom the college has learned to love.

"In Wunderlicher Tracht."

'Tis the season of extraordinary styles. Hamilton seems suffering under the most ludicrous load of such reprehensible conventions, if they can be so phrased. The sense of some men as to the compatible and the elements of propriety is comparable to that of the Hottentot. Some have an untaught sense of color; in some, the idea of the harmonious in hues is barbarous. We allude particularly to a certain cap and unmistakable sweater worn by scions of the stem of 1902. We do not desire to offend such heathen, but if by the prick of conscience they could be prevailed upon to better their garb, make it less garish, the seniors would felicitate themselves, "perdu."

Ode to Nick.

[By one "excused" from Analyt.]

The melancholy days have come—

The winds around us moan;
When everybody's tired of work,
And longs to be at home.

And now around these classic halls,

Full many a woe is told;
By anxious youths with downcast mien:
"Oh lord! He flunked me cold!"

The tale is told; the song is out,
The sower's reaped his wheat.
I've hit the trail. At last, I'm up
Against it with both feet!

Oh time! Oh change! bring 'round that
day,

That day of days the best,
When dinks are sunk in desuetude,—
Then we may dare to rest!

THE, '04,

Inter-academic Track Meet.

It is generally known that a committee has been appointed to superintend the arrangement of an inter-academic track meet for next spring term. Our pioneer effort in this line last year was an unstinted success and redounded to the credit and increase of our college wealth. We expect the committee of this year, tutored by the experience and experiment of last year's officials, to do as well, if not better, with the added advantages of precedent. We all know what this event means to the college. We cannot begin too early to give the committee in charge all the aid and the suggestions that we can muster and import. Every man sow the seeds of genuine rivalry in the athletic soil of his academic alma mater, and see to it that if possible his school prepare to represent herself in that track meet on Steuben Field. Cite to the aspirants at the respective schools the success of last year's trial, and let them know what a good representative scholastic meet it was. Impress this on them and urge them by every legitimate importunity to compete. The stake is well worth the sacrifice and the exertion involved. All this is along the line of larger classes to come and more expert and developed athletics at Hamilton.

Winter Orations and Prize Essays.

Pruyn Medal—Bravery in Politics.
 Head Prize—John Marshall, the Complement of Alexander Hamilton.
 Kirkland Prize—The Dramatic Element in the Bible.
 Kellogg Prize Essays: Junior—The Literary Work and Influence of King Alfred of England. Two ethical novels: Uncle Tom's Cabin and Ramona. Sophomore—The Literature of the Garden. The Beginnings of the American Newspaper. Freshman—Naval Progress in the Nineteenth Century. The Cathedral Builders.

A Chime of Bells.

The morning bell, the curfew bell,
 The fire bell's deep-toned boom.
 The dinner bell, the funeral knell,
 The wedding bell of June.
 The auto bell, the Houghton belle,
 And the tingle of the phone.
 But the belle of bells is the college bell,
 With its rasping monotone.
 "Those grand, deep tones" are somewhat cracked,
 "That sound o'er Kirkland Hills."
 We raise a prayer to end that clang,
 Which gives us all cold chill.

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