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## The Athletic Union.

The following communication has been received by the Athletic Association:

Hamilton, N. Y., Mar. 18, 1902.

To the President Hamilton College Athletic Association:—

Dear Sir:—At a meeting of the New York State Intercollegiate Athletic Union, just held at Utica, the question arose whether Hamilton College would not like to again enter the Union, and I was delegated to ascertain the feeling of your college, if possible, in the matter.

At present the Union is composed of three colleges, Hobart, Rochester and Colgate. St. Lawrence has applied for admission. The Union has done good work in promoting clean athletics and furnishes such a basis for bringing the smaller colleges together in track athletics as nothing else, perhaps, would. It has its disadvantages, too—the lack of freedom in arranging games. This can be corrected by giving each college absolute discretion as to whether games shall be arranged or not with each of the other colleges.

You arrange games with all of these colleges now in the Union, and it would add much to the solidarity of the organization if you, too, were a member of it. However, I do not wish to seem in any way to urge this upon you, but simply to transfer the hope of the existing members of the Union that Hamilton College will renew her place in the same. Should the matter be favorably acted upon, there is no reason why Hamilton College should not be admitted so as to participate in the track meet to be held in Rochester, May 30th, 1902. Baseball and football schedules are of course arranged for this year.

Hoping that I may have an early reply, and that Hamilton College may see fit to renew her relations again with the Union, I am, very truly,

W. E. DIMORIER, Sec.,  
Hamilton, N. Y.

We feel sure that we are not assuming too much when we say that the college will treat the communication with due and proper respect. As to the advisability of re-entering the Union as it now stands, there will undoubtedly be considerable discussion. The whole history of the league should be reviewed, the present prospects considered, and the advantage or disadvantage of the same to Hamilton freely debated. So far as we have been able to understand the matter, both the student body and the faculty are divided on the problem, though the question of the majority has never yet been tested.

In connection with the matters which caused Hamilton's withdrawal from the Union, a copy of the late recommendations of the New England Tri-Collegiate League are printed herewith. They are rules which Hamilton has strictly maintained in her relation to teams of other colleges, and a wilful violation of such principles on the part of Union College has been the cause of all troubles that have arisen in the league as formerly established. We print them in full:

"A.—A force of efficient police officers sufficient to maintain order at all times should be provided at all games, and their duties clearly explained to them. If such a force can not be provided, this work should be done by students, preferably seniors.

"B.—The spectators at baseball games should be confined to the grandstands and bleachers and not allowed on the field of play at all. When there is not sufficient seating capacity to permit of this, additional seats should be provided, or the first and third base lines should be protected at a proper distance by substantial fencing—not ropes. At football and field and track contests crowding should be guarded against by ropes and police.

"C.—Coaching from the bench or sidelines should be prohibited. The officials of games should by agreement have power to enforce rules based on A, B

and C as above, even to the extent, if necessary, of declaring a contest forfeited.

"D.—Cheering at errors or misfortunes of opponents or that intended chiefly to rattle them should be discountenanced. The use of horns, megaphones, fire-crackers, or other mechanical contrivances (except organized bands) should be forbidden.

"E.—Extreme courtesy toward visiting teams and delegations should be the rule and efforts made to restrain the exuberance and partisanship of muckers and others if they reach a point which might be offensive to visitors. The broadest spirit of true sportsmanship and courtesy should govern and be ever present in the minds of all teams and their supporters.

"F.—It should be impressed upon the students acting as newspaper correspondents that college spirit is against the publication of articles calculated to incite or encourage unfriendly feeling toward any competitor or representative of an associated college, and that such articles if published are inimical to the best interests of all. If there are differences, they can be arranged much better without newspaper notoriety or outside interference."

We also have taken the liberty to clip the following statement of rules from the same source. They are interesting in that they recognize what Hamilton has argued in playing with teams who have come here with men who, though taking the required number of hours for spring term, are yet men who are not in college for educational purposes, and therefore can not be strictly eligible under any just system of amateur rules.

"ARTICLE I. No student shall be allowed to represent his college or university in any public athletic contest either individually or as a member of any team who either before or since entering the college or university shall have engaged for money in any athletic competition, whether for stake or money prize, or a

share of the entrance fees or admission money; or who shall have taught or engaged in any athletic contest or sport as a means of livelihood; or who shall at any time have received for taking part in any athletic sport or contest, any pecuniary gain or emolument whatever, direct or indirect, with the single exception that he may have received from his school or college organization the amount by which the expenses necessarily incurred by him in representing his organization in athletic contests exceeded his ordinary expenses.

"(Section A.)—The disqualification worked by this rule shall be held to include those students who receive or have received any emolument, direct or indirect, expenses or otherwise, by reason of their connection with the so-called 'summer nines.'

"(Section B.)—This rule shall be so constructed as to disqualify a student who receives from any source whatever a pecuniary gain or emolument, or position of profit, direct or indirect, in order to render it possible for him to participate in university or college athletics.

"(Section C.)—The word 'emolument' in the above rule shall be construed to include board, traveling or other expenses.

"(Section D.)—No student shall represent one or more universities or colleges in athletics for more than four years.

"(Section E.)—No one shall play upon a university or college team in any contest, unless he is a student of the university or college, regularly registered and in good standing, and unless he can satisfy the committee that he intends to be throughout the academic year, a bona fide member of the university or college, taking a full year's course."

### Dr. Brandt's Letter.

Munich, Jan. 29.

The Marionetta Theatre is very fine here. The director, called Papa Schmid, has just celebrated his 80th birthday. He is a sort of Santa Claus and Hans Christian Andersen personified to Munich children. The show is only once a week in winter, on Wednesday from 3 to 5. I went at 2:30 and found the whole house "ansverkauft." Children stood outside weeping because they could not get in. Fine carriages drove up whose inmates had procured tickets beforehand. I asked if there was not even a "Stehplatz." "Ne, Stehplatz gibt's uber-

haupts not?" "A box?" "Ne, Logen gibt's uberhaupt not." I peeped in at an open door and envied the children inside. The most expensive seats are 80 pfennigs.

My theatrical experience took a new direction when I went to the Japanese play. The two great tragedians, a woman and a man, played here three times, after having been in Paris and Berlin. They give two plays in one evening, both exceedingly interesting and very fine. Such dying as that woman can represent, I never saw. The hero commits suicide. Horrible, but fine. In the dying scene a big gong rings slow notes like a big bell, which heightens the effect very much. Their fights are terrific, with no sham swords or daggers. During most of the play a guitar or small banjo is played. A little child of ten years old was very cunning. A Japanese player must be actor, dancer, athlete, all in one. The scenery was very simple and artistic, and the love-making most dignified. The dialog was very rapid but not loud, and at times the language was very musical. The house was packed full, and the cheapest tickets were 4 marks. The Prinz-Regent attended the first night. Times can not be so very hard in South Germany when money is spent so freely for such a luxury.

Feb. 1.—A real winter's day again, cold and clear. I have been to the new Pinakothek, which is not heated and is as cold as it was nineteen years ago, but the old Pinakothek is heated. There are a number of fine new pictures in the new gallery, one of a beech forest reminds me of Boughton's, "The Heir-Apparent," in Washington. At last Dr. Paul and I have met after missing each other several times. He is a very nice, cordial man, but no talker. We talked a great deal of shop.

Sweet is growing quite a German moustache that curls up at the ends, can pronounce the German l's and r's and drink Bavarian beer. He likes his work and his opportunities.

There are more dogs in Munich than you can shake a stick at! I have seen any number of Kenmirs and Baldurs and patted one on the head for their sakes. Such noble dogs!

Feb. 10.—Munich like Venice, from now to Ash Wednesday, is carnival mad. Masks are going about the streets, there is playing of hoaxes, throwing of confetti and paper snakes,—all amusing but uncomfortable. The restaurants are

crowded, it is hard to find a place to eat, and evenings, they are regular bedlams. The hotel proprietor said he would give 100 marks to the poor, if he could stop the jollification and secure peace for his guests. At midnight on Shrove Tuesday, they carry a coffin through the local, sing a dirge and Ash Wednesday has begun.

The puppet show was great fun. I bought a ticket three days beforehand, and it was well that I did, as the house was jammed full again. There were many "ahs and herrlichs" from the audience and much enthusiasm. The stage is not more than four or five feet wide and everything is in miniature. The speaking was done by a man and woman behind the scenes. The play is a regular romantic tragedy in which Casperl (Punch) has the funny parts, now as a servant, then a Falstaff or policeman. Such a jabbering between the acts, but as soon as the lights went up, all were as still as mice.

You should see the people stare at heavy American shoes, yet there is a large store here, with American shoes, each pair with a tiny American flag.

### "Commons".

The long talk about the new Commons Hall has reached the ears of some of the oldest inhabitants and revived the memories of what they heard and saw in other years.

They say that near the beginning of the college, about 1816, the building now known as Knox Hall was erected for college commons. The front was a great dining hall, there was a basement kitchen with all the convenience, then available; the west extension was for the occupancy of those who cared for the commons.

Though there were few houses then convenient to the campus and board was not easily had, yet the venture was not a success. Just what were the causes of the failure seem not to be recorded, nor how long the effort was continued. But within a few years a shop for the college carpenter was partitioned off at the south end of the main hall and the remainder became a general storeroom for lumber and all odds and ends. For twenty odd years there was a favorite boarding house for students in the rear of the building where the geological lecture room now is.

In the early fifties the main hall was put in order and shelved for the collec-

tions brought by the late Dr. Root, while the carpenter's shop was remodeled for a lecture room, where courses of lectures were given fifty years ago in conchology, minerology and geology. The next step was the change to the present Knox Hall. While the primary purpose fared badly, the building has come to serve adequately a good purpose.

Some sixty years after the closing of first commons, the need for such accommodation again seemed great. Students were averse to boarding a mile and a half or even a mile from the campus. Many places where students had boarded for years were no longer open. What boarding houses existed were controlled by fraternities or clubs. The boarding house keepers had full command. It was not easy for a new student somewhat independent and wishing to "go slow" to find board save at a hotel in the village.

The late President Darling at his coming in 1881 saw the difficulty and planned to meet it. After the death of Professor Mears, he purchased the place now owned by the Hon. Elihu Root, thoroughly repaired the north part and built the extension southward. A large dining room was provided, with a smaller room for a special group; a large range and all kitchen facilities were placed; a man and wife of successful experience in Saratoga were put in charge, and a college commons was opened. One fraternity took places there for a few weeks, the others continued previous plans. Most of the non-fraternity students patronized the commons. But it was not successful. The keepers retired after one year, and another family took charge. After a while the commons notion was dropped and the place was rented to the Emerson Literary Society which maintained it until the purchase of the place by Mr. Root.

The third venture for commons at Hamilton will be watched with interest.

—New York University will be represented by a crew this season for the first time in the history of the college.

—The humid days have come again, the stickiest of the year, when peoples' doors and underclothes provokingly adhere.—*Ex.*

—Trinity College, of Durham, N. C., has been the recipient of two handsome gifts; one of \$30,000 for a new dormitory, and the other an elegant granite pavilion.

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IT IS seldom that Hamilton College is so completely stirred up over any matter of college affairs as this week has witnessed. The freshmen raised a flag, the sophomores lowered it and hoisted another flag in its stead. The decision of the upperclassmen who were present was in favor of the sophomores. Later the upperclassmen body learning of the means used in lowering the freshman flag decided that the second flag should be lowered because of unfair means used in getting the first one down, but this body did not reverse the decision so far as made by the upperclassmen present at the row. The means employed in securing the flag were severely rebuked. The decision of the upperclassmen the sophomores protested, and assumed to act as judges as to whether they were to submit to the decision or not.

Without going into the matter as to which class exhibited the greater physical force, or as to which showed the greater prowess, let us look this matter squarely in the face and put it upon its merits. The tradition here has always been that these rows should be under absolute control in order that no harm may come therefrom. The sophomores have attempted to break this old and sacred tradition of the place by placing themselves in the position of judges. It is comparable to a race in which two parties agree on judges and then one party refuses to agree to do what it had previously contracted to do, that is, submit to the judgment of those who were its own officials. The decision of the judges was to the effect that the flag must come down, and the sophomore class by refusing to obey the decree has attempted to strike at the very founda-

tions of this college. It has scorned the tradition which has made this place famous. It has assumed infinite knowledge as to the conduct of matters in Hamilton College. It has dug a pit into which its own foolishness has been the spade that cut the turf. The upper classes realizing this have refused to let the matter pass by because this particular class was not long-sighted enough to see its own folly. It is not for the good of those who are now in authority that this spirit will be stamped out now and forever, but for those who shall later be in their places. If any lower classman thinks for a minute that the upperclassmen desire to be despots, czars or tyrants, they have mighty little conception of what they really are. Their only concern is the good of those who come after, and if any of them should have other motives than this they are exceedingly poor representatives of the authoritative body. But we understand that a few of the members of 1904 feel the true spirit, and to them these words are unnecessary. To those who have been the most stubborn and puerile we do not wish to say too much, because as upperclassmen we realize the college will deal its own game to these men, and our feelings are more those of pity than of censure. It is too bad when a man by such conduct as was evidenced by a few, alienates and ostracises himself from the entire college. We need not mention here the kind favors which are given to men who feel the responsibility of college matters and submit to the judgment of their elders. As to the others the college knows too well how to deal with the men responsible for this recent breach of college etiquette, and it needs no telling on that score. We leave these men to their fate. We say unequivocally that the sophomores were radically wrong. They have been justly censured for their conduct and without doubt they have placed a stigma upon their class and the college which only the highest kind of respect and spirit must try to blot out. Following of their splendid victory in athletics has come the superfluous exultation which has led them to folly. Their Commencement response is gone and it should be an ever present reminder of their dangerous attempt to change the policy of Hamilton College.

WHEN Hamilton had a game cancelled with her in basket-ball a few weeks ago the problem arose, how are we to play the Williams game when we had relied

on the R. P. I. guarantee to pay our expenses to Williamstown? To the great credit of the college these principles were recognized and established: first, that whenever the manager of any of our athletic teams, with the approval of the Advisory Board, has agreed to play a game with a specified and unconditional guarantee, then that game must be played. And secondly, whenever the funds to the credit of the department so affected shall be inadequate, that a general subscription shall be taken for the purpose of sustaining the manager, and instructing him in the name of the college to keep his appointments. We can do no better than reprint in these columns the ideas expressed in the Williams Weekly of recent issue, and we can rejoice that Hamilton is not one of the offenders of this honor rule:

"The habit which the managers of athletic teams in some of our sister institutions have assumed of cancelling games whenever they see fit can not be condemned too severely. Williams has suffered to quite an extent in basket-ball this year by having some of her games cancelled, and that too at very short notice and without, as it seems to us, sufficient reason. In making out his schedule a manager endeavors to estimate his gain or loss on each game, and if some of his important games are cancelled it is easy to see how his finances may be affected. It seems to us that the dating of a game should be a binding obligation and that no contest, once agreed upon, should be cancelled without the best of reasons. To judge from our exchanges Williams has not been the only sufferer in this respect, for a number of the smaller colleges have been deprived of some of their important games. The universities seem to be the chief offenders in this matter, and in recalling the cases of cancelled games in the various colleges this year we must conclude that fear of defeat is one of the main reasons why games have been cancelled. It is hard for a university to lose to a small college but it would seem that fear of defeat, if that is the cause, should be the last reason of withdrawing from any contest. We wish to repeat that the agreement to compete in any contest should be considered a binding obligation and that the habit of cancelling games without sufficient reason should be stopped."

—Inman, '04, asks Campbell, '02, if he is in this year's graduating class.

**Geometry.**

Geometry is puzzling,  
 Bewildering, and queer;  
 'Twill never get through my dull head,  
 I very greatly fear.

Such awful  $\perp$ s  
 I really never saw,  
 With numerous particulars  
 That don't seem worth a straw.

We have the  $\parallel$ ogram  
 With sides and  $\perp$ s so,  
 And almost any - - - line  
 Proves what we want to show.

Then there's that old trapezium,  
 The  $\bigcirc$  and the chord,  
 The "Reductio ad Absurdum"  
 Which always leaves one floored.

Now it happened in December,  
 I dreamed a dreadful dream;  
 For during mathematics class  
 Reciting I did seem.

I had the 'leveenteeth theorem,  
 With the figure on the board;  
 But alas, I couldn't prove it,  
 And the class sat back and roared!

A B C just grinned at me,  
 And the  $\perp$ s danced for fair,  
 While I chased X Y in agony  
 As it floated through the air.

Then all the symbols made a charge  
 And started straight for me;  
 They shrieked and howled and fiercely  
 growled:  
 "You've flunked! You've flunked, you  
 see!"

They clutched me with their skinny  
 hands,  
 And pushed me towards the door;  
 To yell amain I tried in vain:  
 I then began to snore.

That frightened them and I awoke:  
 About me all was still.  
 But an angle or curve now seems to serve  
 To straightway make me ill.

—Ex.

—There was a dress rehearsal for the  
 gym., exhibition on Thursday afternoon.

—D. Brewer Eddy, who visited the  
 hill last October in the interest of the  
 Student Volunteer Movement, will be  
 here again on Saturday, Sunday and  
 Monday.

—Juniors attended their last Wednes-  
 day this week. They marched in sing-  
 ing "We are the stuff" and after giving  
 their own yell were greeted by the yells  
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The officers of the exhibition will be as follows:

Referee and Announcer—Prof. Henry White.

Clerk—Mr. Arthur Hawley Naylor, '02.

Judges—Messrs. John Van Allen, '02, Nelson L. Drummond, '02, Robert H. Jones, '03.

Musical Director—Mr. Emory Douglas Webster, '02.

Committee of Arrangements—Messrs. Nelson L. Drummond, '02, Frederick A. Grant, '03, Robert R. Wicks, '04.

The following is the program of events:

Class Exercises.—Setting-up drill, wand drill, low horizontal bar, German horse, springboard jumps.

Pole Climbing, (record.)—Messrs. Loftis, '05, Collins, '02, Rockwell, Farrell, '05.

Running High Jump.—Record, Remington, '04, 5 ft. 2 in. Messrs. Edgerton, White, Judd, '04, Edgerton, '05, Knox, Remington, '04, McLaughlin, '03.

Bag Punching.—Messrs. Strickland, '04, Bosworth, '05, Hoffman, '03,

Flying Rings.—Messrs. Landers, '03, Strickland, '04, Bosworth, Rockwell, Farrell, '05.

Single Stick Exercises.—Messrs. Toll, Hotchkiss, '04.

Putting 16-lb. Shot, (record.) Messrs. Ehret, '04, Lambart, '03, Schwab, Rockwell, '05, Blakely, DeVotie, '03, Dowling, '04, Ward, Webster, '02.

Acrobatic Exercises.—Messrs. Bristol, '04, Edgerton, '05, "Uncle John."

Running High Dive.—Record, McLaughlin, '03, 5 ft. 8 in. Messrs. Toll, '04, Mangan, '03, Wicks, Knox, '04, Kingsley, '05, DeVotie, '03, Edgerton, Remington, '04.

Indian Club Exercises.—Mr. Elmer Owen Hoffman, '03.

Shoving 100-lb. Dumbbell.—Record, Ward, '02, one arm, 9 times; both arms, 21 times. Messrs. Ehret, '04, Speh, Rockwell, '05, Ward, '02.

Roman Ladders.—Messrs. Bristol, Strickland, Wicks, Carter, '04, Edgerton, Farrell, Rockwell, '05, "Uncle John."

Pole Vault, (record.)—Messrs. Carter, Wicks, Knox, '04, Bosworth, '05, Landers, '03.

Parallel Bars.—Messrs. Hoffman, Arthur, '03, Strickland, Bristol, '04, Farrell, Weber, Rockwell, Love, '05.

Race—Walking on Hands, 10 yds.—Messrs. Ward, Collins, '02, Landers, '03, Wood, Strickland, '04.

Springboard.—Messrs. Collins, '02, Landers, McLaughlin, '03, Wicks, Strickland, Bristol, Toll, Remington, Wood, '04, Kingsley, Edgerton, Farrell, Loftis, Rockwell, Love, '05, "Uncle John."

Human Pyramids.—Messrs. Ward, Collins, '02, Blakely, DeVotie, Lambert, Jones, Arthur, '03, Wicks, Bristol, Strickland, Sherman, Carter, '04, Edgerton, Speh, Farrell, Weber, Rockwell, Schwab, Love, Mann, '05, "Uncle John."

Sparring.—Messrs. Toll, '04, and Kingsley, '05; Strickland, '04, and Schwab, '05; White and Schermerhorn '04.

—Hawley, '02, has lately taken the position of janitor of the chemistry lab.

—N. A. Shaw, '81, and J. W. Mason, '86, visited the hill on Saturday and Sunday.

## Intercollegiate Notes.

—Cornell won the third annual debate against Columbia.

—A Cornell Alumni Association has been organized in the Philippines.

—The *New York Sun* satirically calls the University of Chicago "Harper's Bazaar."

—A chapter of Phi Kappa Psi has been organized at Brown with fifteen charter members.

—The senior class at Syracuse University has voted to wear caps and gowns during the spring term.

—Cornell has dropped Columbia from her football schedule for next season, because Columbia refused to play in Ithaca.

—Columbia beat Yale in the first inter-collegiate handball contest, in the Columbia Gym., March 8th.

—Keeler, the captain of the Brooklyn national league team, will coach the Harvard squad this spring.

—Five students of Wabash College were under arrest as an outcome of a class battle between sophomores and freshmen. The trouble was due to rivalry over class emblems, each class having in turn painted its class number at the top of the town's 200-foot water tower.

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