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## Hamilton vs. Colgate.

On Saturday last, the basket ball squad gathered at the O. & W. station, awaiting the 5:20 train bound for Hamilton. Davy was the last to appear, puffing like a locomotive and wearing a sweater and a broad smile. The journey up was uneventful, with the possible exception of the anti-literal translation, given by one Hatch, of one of Warren Mac's French love notes. Upon arriving at our destination, Manager Davenport announced that we would walk to the hotel. Some of the party lost track of the management and reached the wrong place, but learning of their mistake rectified it, and soon all were seated at the Park House. The incidents particularly noticeable about the feast, were Peet's bean joke and Rick's order. The management either felt too poor to procure conveyance for the team, or thought that the long walk would limber the men up. But whatever the motive which prompted that individual to such action, he decided to walk the team up to the Colgate "gym." The game was scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock, and shortly before that hour the teams appeared. Colgate was out in force and greeted their favorites with liberal applause. The warming up work of the teams was watched with interest, and the practice of each was very satisfactory. Just before the game called, Hatch and Grant, who composed the rooting contingent of Hamilton, arose and proceeded to give a lusty yell for their champions. Liberal applause followed this outburst of enthusiasm, and in answer to a rousing yell given by Colgate, the compliment was returned.

The whistle was then blown, and the game was on. Fiercely was it fought. The ball sailed up and down the room, now hovering around one basket, now the other. The play was fast, neither side securing a basket until over five minutes had elapsed. Then Marsh managed to shoot the sphere into the

basket and make the first score for Colgate. But the lead was only temporary, as Tommy immediately after threw two baskets in rapid succession, and raised the score to Hamilton 4, Colgate 2. This was pretty playing and was well received. Vose gets a try at basket on a foul, and lands it easily. Referee Van Tuyl again throws the ball up between Hunter and Vose, and the fight is on anew. It became evident at this period of the game, that Hamilton's team-work was superior to that of her rival, and by virtue of that fact, Colgate's goal was in danger the major part of the time. After a series of well executed plays in which the ball changed hands frequently, the sphere was passed to W. MacLaughlin at about the centre of the floor. Mac made a phenomenal throw and secured a very difficult basket. It was a splendid effort, and was liberally applauded by opponents, as well as by the loyal rooting squad. Vose again gets a free try at basket and is successful. Tommy takes a hand in the scoring and adds a basket from the floor. Hamilton fouls again, but Vose is unable to take advantage of it. W. Mac is more successful and secures a basket on a foul committed by Vose. Here the first half ends with Hamilton in the lead, 9-4. The contestants repaired to the dressing-room and enjoyed ten minutes of well-earned rest. At the expiration of that time, they went up to the scene of battle, prepared to fight out the second half. Tommy was very lame and his hip bothered him considerably, but he decided to go on.

Second half. The fore part of the second half was a period of depression for the supporters of the Buff and Blue. Colgate opened with a rush and played

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## The Football Dinner.

On Wednesday evening, February 6, the football team of 1900 came together for the last time. While the shouts and

tumult of the crazed throng were yet ringing in the ears of the tired and happy team in the dressing room at Ridge field on that memorable twentieth of October, Prexy called out, "I'll give you a dinner for this"; and at last he fulfilled his promise, which fulfillment, be it said, always means to a Hamilton football team more than a good meal. At these football dinners our honored president is always seen and heard at his best, from the purely student point of view; he is a boy, a college student and a football enthusiast, and supremely, a model host. This latest football dinner was, like all its predecessors, a thing enjoyed during its progress, an event to be treasured and remembered when years have flown.

There were present ex-captain Stowell, 1901, Redmond, 1901, Keogh, 1901, Drummond, 1901, captain-elect Drummond, 1902, ex-manager Speh, 1901, Prof. Andrews, president of the Athletic Association, Peet, 1903, Blakely, 1903, Wills, 1904. Dunn was absent somewhere. Millham was confined to the house by injuries, and Ward had an imperative engagement in Utica. Prex and Goss did the honors. Wild turkey, ham, etc., were partaken of with proverbial football heartiness of appetite, while Prex dispensed stories and anecdotes in his happiest mood and most charming manner. Mrs. Stryker came in for a time to diffuse sunshine and gaiety, and incidentally to embarrass Prex before the crowd by reference to his Phi Beta Kappa key.

When the eating was done, chairs were pushed back and Prex requested Goss to pass around in a big glass bottle cigars, which proved exceptionally fine; even Stowell and Redmond were able to finish theirs and to enjoy the operation. Songs were sung, plans and hopes for the future discussed, old tales retold, and at ten o'clock the party broke up, with that mingled feeling of joy and sadness always induced by those occasions.

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fine basket ball. Hamilton slumped somewhat and did not play with that snap and dash which so characterized her work of the previous half. The team was not in the best of condition and perhaps this accounts for it. At the latter end of the half Hamilton played desperately and strove manfully to recover the lead, but failed by one point. Marsh threw the first basket for Colgate and a moment later the trick was duplicated by Vose. Colgate admirers came to their feet and sought to encourage their men to deeds of valor. For a period they did not respond. Dave Peet tosses the sphere into Colgate's basket. Tommy Mac hustles it in again and Colgate groans. Vose succeeds in getting a basket. Ball goes out of bounds under seat and Evans diving under, brings out a derby instead of the ball. Smith and Marsh both manage to toss the ball into Hamilton's basket soon afterward. Then Vose gets a try at basket on a foul and scores. Colgate now forges ahead. W. Mac secures a basket from foul. Smith brings Colgate to her feet by a prettily thrown basket. At this period occurred the only incident which in any particular marred the game. W. Mac, when near Colgate's basket, started to dribble and then passed the ball with one hand to Tommy, who immediately placed it in the proper receptacle. After the basket had been thrown the umpire blew his whistle and claimed a foul. According to him, W. Mac started to dribble and then passed the ball with both his hands, but the spectators and Mac's opponent agreed that only one hand was used. However, the foul held and Vose threw the goal. This incident is to be the more regretted in that it was the factor which decided the game. Vose and March each threw a basket and then Colgate admirers rendered a selection, "Poor Old Hamilton," in a very pathetic manner. However, their sympathetic strains were baseless and ill adapted to the occasion. Hamilton braced and during the remainder of the game clearly outplayed her adversaries. After a short but fierce struggle Tommy shot the ball into Colgate's basket. The Buff and Blue continued her rapid work and a moment later Tommy succeeded in landing another basket. Colgate fouled and W. Mac accepted the chance. This made the score, Hamilton, 19; Colgate, 20; and here the game ended. Hamilton gave a yell for Colgate and retired to the dressing room.

The line-up follows:

Hamilton (19).	Colgate (20).
Forwards.	
W. MacLaughlin.	Marsh.
T. MacLaughlin.	Smith.
Centre.	
Hunter.	Vose.
Guards.	
Peet.	Sweet.
Evans.	Murray.

Referee, Prof. Van Tuyl; umpires, Morse, Smith; time of halves, 20 minutes.

Such a game was well worth spending time and money to witness. At times the excitement was intense and the many fine plays by both parties gave their supporters ample opportunity to exercise their vocal organs. It is a pity that the Buff and Blue could not have had a larger rooting delegation. Two in the first half and four in the second is rather a slim showing, especially when they have at least 150 voices pitted against them. Hamilton clearly outplayed Colgate in the first half and the latter part of the second. Considering the crippled condition of the team, it was a showing of which we may feel justly proud, and we hope, when Colgate comes down for the return game, to be able to turn the tables on her with interest. After dressing, the team took up their weary walk down to the hotel. After passing several hours in various amusements the party retired, with the pleasant anticipation of an early morning rise, in order to reach the 6:43 train. At about six next morning, one by one the fellows came down; and when all were told off we walked to the station by the light of the moon. We had to wait outside while the station agent put on his shoes. Joe Hunter made desperate attempts to keep up the circulation of blood in his hands by applying lighted matches, but even that privilege was denied him by the heartless agent. Soon we were hastening toward Clinton and breakfast at the rate of 70 (?) miles an hour.

### Junior Whist Club.

The second convivium held by the Junior Whist Club was given under the auspices of the 1902 delegation of Alpha Delta Phi, on the night of Friday past. Altho the organization, to all intents and purposes, is formed for the promotion of congeniality and dexterity in the manipulation of the cards, a casual observer of the occurrences at the present

convocation would have considered it an association for the display of garb and gall. It was alarming to note the clearly *tonsured* faces of Signor and Reeve. In fact, there was a sea of beaming countenances, very few of which were splintered, being in the plurality of instances dexterously planed.

After entertaining the moping moments with maudlin song and smoking, the tardy members began to put in an appearance. These are reprehended for their non-observance of the importance of punctuality; and immediately after, the business of the meeting undergoes transaction. The cards are apportioned, conforming to decree of which, each man seats himself at the appointed table. Those who are fortunated so badly as to be assigned to the head table, with resignation accept their fate and begin the game. Fortune is fickle, even to an exasperating degree. Especially so in the opinion of Signor and the cherub Church, who are worsted to the tune of seven points on a single hand. Barns and Drummond are accorded the distinction of having first "slammed" opponents. Men encounter staggering defeat, and in order to relieve the chairs in which they sit, depart to the adjoining hall, there to inundate their grief with copious drafts of lemonade, and to smother their discomfort by the consumption of tobacco variform and varitaste. As this is a requisite means of consolation for the defeated, and additionally because of "Morgan's" inability to withstand the effects of the noxious fumes exhaled by his cigars, it is deemed highly expedient, and both a sanitary and salutary precaution, that a cessation of proceedings be pronounced. To this proposition there is no dissent.

During the interval, which might be more properly termed interlude, owing to the musical attempts made by the muse-inspired "John," the succeeding feature of the function is the subject of considerate surmise and conjecture. The entrance of "Ally" burdened with an ample supply of provisions, dispelled doubt, and introduced a general satisfaction. The viands were both palatable and relishable, as the veracity of the valetudenarian, Harwood, attested. Charity would would adjudge his demeanor decidedly unmetropolitan, yet candor and impartiality must determine it insatiate rapacity. The consumption of these victuals occupied the avidity of the assembled scions of gluttony for at least an hour.

The cohorts then devoted themselves to the inhalation of tobacco fumes, intermittently entertained by the efforts oratorical or histrionic given by the various members. Hawley's imitations and impersonations, by their perfect rendition, afforded the spectators genuine edification.

Several of the members delivered themselves of harassing harangues, that of J. W. being the most imprecable, and in the opinion of the few, obtrusive. 'Twas a superb effort, however meritorious it may be considered.

Morgan Lewis, now enabled thru sufficient recuperation to coordinate his movements, rises to some point, either of order or something similar, and is summarily compelled to resume a recumbent posture.

Songs are sung in maudlin tenor and ursine bass until the voices of the warblers are cracked and split. Some extraordinarily gifted person ventures to suggest that the time for departure has sounded its approach. In obedience to its tocsin, the company makes preparations to dissolve; which it does under the solvent influence of sleepiness. With hearty cheers for hospitality offered, and with gratitude accepted, the sons of 1902 disperse—to meet again.

#### Idle Thots of An Idle Fellow.

Extracts from the private note book of a Latin student of the year 1732:

*Custos pudicitiae*: A trousers' button.

*Horatius*: Nightwatchman (from *hara*).

*Curre cito*: Diarrhoea.

*Cauda ministeri*: The sexton.

*Praeliminaria honoris*: Bathing trousers.

*Festina lente*: One caught by the police.

*Herba cum tarulis*: Saurkraut and sausages.

*Machiavellus*: A tanner (as if from *make* and *vellus*.)

*Holoferness*: Painter's apprentice (as if from varnish.)

*Initium sapientiae*: A senior.

*Propria laws sordel*: An agent.

*Res inaudita*: A student who has money.

*Ars longa, vita brevis*: A man with dysentery.

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THE sermon preached by Dr. Stryker last Sunday morning was in many respects the most profound and remarkable discourse we have ever had the pleasure and opportunity of listening to. The latter part, especially that devoted to the exposition and elaboration of the thesis that the message of the church for the new century would and must be stripped of rubric, of canon, of dogma, of creed, was magnificent. The bold assertion in grand, triumphant phrase of this essentially modern thot challenged the attention and admiration of the college as have few things of our student experience. We congratulate ourselves and our school that at our head and at the head of Hamilton College stands a man of such ideas and of the courage and ability to proclaim them with fire and force. But with the first part of the sermon, that introductory to the main thot, we are disposed to find fault. Much that was stated therein was, if interpreted logically and carried out to a logical conclusion, clearly and decidedly deterministic, a philosophy that was by the president himself in his recitation of the Wednesday before, not only declared to be irrational and abhorrent, but utterly demolished, to his own satisfaction, at least. Again, any attempt to justify the war in the Philippines or the war in South Africa as being the result and manifestation of divine will and purpose calls for a presumption that is colossal and terrible. Such doctrine is pernicious. Absolutely no line of demarcation is to be drawn between a just war and an unjust war; all are just because providential. It is equivalent to the assertion that evil is good, to promulgate such bald claims; and this, again, is a theory that was denounced and overthrown by the president in the same class before mentioned. When a mortal man comes

to the point of daring to justify his acts of brutality and aggression by resting the impulse and responsibility upon Providence; when a human being presumes to call the wrongs and sufferings of his victim punishment, God-sent, for his sin and backwardness—these, too, man-judged—and the world his audience hears, approves, assents, then, we claim, are morality and justice intoxicated, conservatism insane, human finity and dependence no more. Man has made himself co-equal with divinity and has taken unto himself the powers and attributes of the infinite.

## Debating.

One of the most conspicuous features of present college activities and of the editorials of college publications is the attention given to the department of debating as a necessary and organic part of the college curriculum. Not a week passes in which we do not see space in our college contemporaries devoted to describing the joint debates of societies, the arranged and prospective debating contests of colleges, the organization and activities of college debating societies, the appeal to colleges to enlarge and multiply the courses in this department. And we have only to examine the columns of college publications of a few years ago to observe the great contrast in the attitude of faculty and student toward a department, formerly ignored or despised, but today universally recognized as indispensable. The reason for this display of interest is written upon the surface. A terse, nervous age such as ours, requires the unfolding of just such faculties and powers as are developed by training in debate, the suppleness of mind, the facility of language, the directness and incisiveness of speech, the readiness, aptness and self-possession which make for success. Undoubtedly, debating has won a permanent place in the scheme of the modern college.

## Student Parade at Washington.

Perhaps no political campaign in our history so universally enlisted the enthusiasm and energy of the students of American colleges as the recent one, which terminated in the re-election of President McKinley. Never before were organized so many college campaign clubs. Never before were our

colleges so numerous represented upon the political platform; college publications never before devoted so much space to the discussion of issues and to the narration of the political activities of their faculties and students. Hence it is but a natural result to this profound political interest of our colleges that they should be invited to participate in the inaugural ceremonies at Washington on March 4th. An intercollegiate committee, having the matter in charge, has addressed communications to more than 400 colleges inviting the sending of delegations. No limit is placed upon the number of representatives of each institution, but it is required that its colors be appropriately displayed and it is expected that distinctive banners will be borne by the students. The arrangements for accommodations are to be in charge of local committees and special rates are to be offered to students by the railroads. This will be the first event of its kind and will certainly constitute a unique feature of the inaugural ceremonies.

## Hamilton, 23; P. N. S., 15.

The basketball game Thursday evening was the best yet played here. The game had been well advertised, and consequently it received good support. Houghton, Clinton and the faculty were well represented. The junior contingent occupied seats on a raised platform on the western side, with the exception of Minor, who, attracted by something he saw in the opposite corner, at once withdrew from his class and formed a little society of two on the east side of the building. "Snitz, and Mrs. Brandt no doubt acted as chaperones. Charlie Lewis attended to the lights and other small duties of little importance. Little patches of men were seen roosting upon the cliff, railings, etc., about the building.

"Dingle" Augsbury acted as umpire, (his name is inserted at his request) while Dr. Andrews acted as referee. Murray ought to have a pension for services in this line at the close of the season.

The game was called at twelve minutes after 8. Tommy threw the first basket exactly one minute afterward; Warren Mac followed with another in a few seconds. Here Potsdam was penalized for a foul and Mac missed the basket. Potsdam threw her first basket when the game had proceeded for five

minutes. Peet retaliated by throwing one for Hamilton. Potsdam was again called for holding and Mac threw, making the basket. Potsdam threw one more, Evans one, Hunter one, and Potsdam fouled. Mac failed to make the basket on the throw. Up to this time Joe seemed to have hard luck, whether because he had not yet discovered his mascot is not known, but he suddenly braced up and threw two baskets in almost a twinkling of Charlie Lewis' eye. The time was up and the score stood, Hamilton, 17; Potsdam, 4.

In the second half, Potsdam seemed to have much more spirit and determination. She made the first basket, but Tommy made the second, while "Joe" made the third. Hallahan was injured and Scott substituted. Here Hamilton fouled for the first time. Potsdam did not make the basket on the throw from foul, but Cota threw one for her immediately afterward; Evans held and Potsdam made the goal. Cota throws one more. O'Brien then takes Evans' place, and plays a good game to the finish. Duquette adds two more to Potsdam's score, but one of his companions is penalized, and "Mac" makes the basket. Potsdam fouls again after Cota had made a basket. Once more "Mac" is successful. Then Tommy started on his little game of "run," and right well did he keep his opponent guessing. "Cooky" calls out his "time up," and the game ends, the score standing 25 to 15, in favor of the Buff and Blue. The following is the line-up:  
Hamilton (23). Potsdam N. S. (15).

Forwards.

W. MacLaughlin. Hallahan, (Scott).  
T. MacLaughlin. Cota.

Centre.

Hunter. Burt.

Guards.

Peet. Carnal.  
Evans, (O'Brien). Duquette.

—We understand that several men in this college have had their complacency startled and their hitherto confident belief in their popularity with the fair sex rudely shaken by developments of the past week or two. When a man has his invitation to Hamilton's Junior declined with sorrowful regret, he does feel like hating himself, no matter how completely explanatory of the declination are the circumstances that cause it. We of the board have fared well in this matter, and we extend sympathy to all who are not so fortunate.

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### College Notes.

—Prex suggests that Dunn has been translated.

—Stowell has written two American History reports.

—"Chesta" Scovel cut the greatest figure at Houghton, Wednesday evening.

—Goss is distinguishing himself nowadays by the profound questions he asks in pedagogy class.

—A. P. Mills has recovered from his attack of alleged chicken pox and is now attending college exercises.

—"Pretty" finds fault with the text book in Municipal Law because it expresses some common sense rules.

—We understand that Dick Drummond has received an intimation that he doesn't know so much about law as he thinks he does.

—Now is the time when you see every man that goes down town coming back with a package containing dress shirts, ties and gloves. What for?

—In the midnight whist club Dr. Andrews and "Easy" Hicok still lead; altho Rick and Hank are beginning to learn the rudiments of the game.

—Prex has decided to cut debate during Prom. week, on condition that those having appointments for that day submit to appear once additional before the end of the term.

—Dr. Andrews tried to tell a story at the football dinner, but became confused and finally said that in some old ruins near Milan, Italy, "you could hear the slightest whisker."

—Bill Nye held a review for his seniors in American History last Friday; and Abe Macardell booned it for Thursday. Men wondered why Abe was so grouchy all day Thursday.

—Lonsdale was preparing his debate the other day. Someone asked him the Latin derivation of the word "inequitable"; and after deep reflection he answered, "in" and "equus."

—Uncle John has shown his characteristic kindness and good will towards all college functions by giving up his room in order that it may be used as a dressing-room for the Prom.

—In his criticisms of the debaters, Wednesday, Prex said Redmond had "a merry eye," that Quinn had "an undertaker's voice" and "gurgled," and that Stowell was "declamatory."

—Two dramatic club rehearsals have been held during the past week. Mintz, 1901, Hawley, 1902, Bastian, 1904, Dickinson, 1904, Soper, 1904, and Steel, 1904, are being tried in various parts.

—Many of the college attended the reception at Houghton Wednesday evening. All reported a good time. Mac set a good example to his basket ball team by going early and staying late.

—J. B. Millham has been confined to his room at the D. K. E. House for the past three weeks with what has developed into an abscess. Jesse is afraid that he will be kept from Prom. and basket ball.

—Let some of us get out some day to level off the track on the sidewalk in several places. We need a good, smooth path for dance week; and we ought not at this time, as heretofore, to wait for the public-spirited Goss to arise in his individual might and do that which is a common concern.

—Wednesday afternoon, the usual weekly debate of the senior class occurred. The chief features were pump handle gestures accompanying high pitched voices, the charming and persuasive tones of Redmond's voice enforced by a fiery gleam in his eye denoting the true spirit of fight, and the lugubrious pathos of the plaintive tones of Bill Quinn.

—Among the great productions of the week is to be classed Stowell's character of Juliet. With the true instincts of one familiar with feminine charms and caprices, he portrays the great Shakespearean heroine as she really was. He paints her virtues and her vices in vivid colors, depicting her as only a master could, a master trained by constant and

arduous study of the fair sex in the school of life.

—The college will be pleased to learn that a preacher so well known as Prof. Arthur S. Hoyt, of the class of '72, will be heard in the chapel next Sunday morning. Prof. Hoyt will also speak before the Y. M. C. A. in the afternoon at four o'clock. Mr. Hoyt was for some years at the head of the department of Rhetoric and Oratory at Hamilton. He has since been occupied in teaching Homiletics at the Auburn Theological Seminary. It will pay all to hear Prof. Hoyt at both services.

—For the past week the Hall of Philosophy has been extremely cold. It does seem that a new building with four large radiators in each room might be kept comfortably warm; whereas, all the rooms have been too cold to sit in without serious danger of catching cold. Several fellows are on the verge of grip, and by sitting for an hour or two in a room, the temperature of which is about fifty degrees Fahrenheit, they run risk of serious illness; a thing which is accompanied by the customary pleasures of no cuts and of extra hours for next term.

—Why haven't the advance cards for Junior Prom. appeared? In every other college in the country they are out more than a week before the dance, and in many places two weeks before. A fellow can't fill a satisfactory program if he has to do it in the hurry and bustle of the first days of dance week. His whole week's fun depends upon his program for the big dance. Unless several days are given to its making it will be filled with whatever names he is able to procure at the last minute, and nine times out of ten they will be the ones he least desires. This notoriously progressive committee had best expand in some very useful respects.

—There seems to be some slight difficulty concerning the Gym., thru no fault of the prom. committee, however. Prex will allow no cuts in underclassman gym. work, and Uncle John will do no gym. work on a waxed floor. The committee desire to prepare the floor Saturday. Certainly a little relaxation in gym. work would do no harm, and it is equally certain that the lives of no freshmen would be in danger from exercising on a waxed floor. It would do the floor good, too. It seems, however, that it is a clear case of "when Greek meets Greek." We confidentially advise Uncle John to continue to have the grip until next Friday afternoon.

### Wanted—100 Men.

Last Thursday night there were present in the gymnasium to behold the basket ball contest between Hamilton and Potsdam Normal School ninety-two persons. These paid an admission fee of fifteen cents each; and as the crowd was comparatively large, the management went in the hole to the extent of only twelve dollars. Now, if two weeks from last Wednesday, upon the accession of the game between Hamilton and Mount Vernon High School, a team that has already defeated the teams of Yale and Pennsylvania, there is present a crowd of one hundred persons to pay the extended admission price of twenty-five cents, the guarantee of the visiting team could be paid. Davenport is trying to complete the season without having to call upon the college for subscriptions. Certainly, when the reluctance of the student body to pay subscriptions for college organizations is recognized and sympathized with, and when the management purposes to obviate this necessity and requires therefor only a reasonable crowd to attend the games, the policy and necessity of getting out to see these games becomes evident at once. It won't be difficult to secure a crowd of a hundred to watch this game, especially since it is likely to be such an interesting and exciting contest.

### The Vice of Fine Writing.

Among the curios collected from the recent Houghton reception may be found the following:

"Mr. ——— regrets exceedingly that he is unable to accept the kind invitation of Mrs. ——— for Wednesday evening, February the sixth, on account of a confliction of functions."

Just what this "confliction of functions" was, we do not at all feel positive. We imagine that it was simply the choice between a good generous "feed" and the physical exercise of the "fantastic toe." Who shall deny that this is not a proof of the complete mastery of the stomach over the will of man,—but perhaps this man is an exception to the general rule. We are inclined to think so, at any rate. We wouldn't divulge the name of the author of this novel note of regret for all the gold of the Orient—yet we do feel justified in describing him partially, if not completely. Look for the man who wears a "hot vest" in attending basket ball games in

Utica, but on the campus—we blush to speak of it—well, we won't this time, for he does well at Sunday chapel and when he appears on debate. Look for the man whom Cupid with his curved bow has so lately pierced with his fiery dart. He is no relation to the great sea captain nor to the author of the "Natural Law of the Spiritual World." Who is he?

### Intercollegiate.

—Amherst has secured recently a new endowment fund of \$100,000.

—The average annual expenditure of the class of 1900 at Princeton for the four years was over \$700.

—The representative chosen by the Iowa University for the state oratorical contest is a negro. In the recent intercollegiate debate between Yale and Harvard, in which the latter won, Harvard's leading debater was a negro from the South, Roscoe Conkling Bruce.

—Williams and the University of Toronto are having a chess tournament.

—The N. Y. State Oratorical League will hold its annual contest the first week in March.

—It is reported that a polytechnic school is to be founded at Pittsburg, Pa., at a cost of \$3,000,000, given by Andrew Carnegie.

—The students of Tufts will present Milton's Masque Comus during the winter.

—Williams and Columbia will hold a dual meet in New York on Feb. 22.

—The honor system has been adopted at Wesleyan, and a constitution drawn up, defining the rules by which the students are to be governed.

—The estimated value of the property including grounds, buildings and apparatus of the 472 colleges of the United States is \$150,000,000.

—The other day there appeared on the campus a promoter of some liquid air scheme. He was permitted to lecture to the junior physics class. He talked glibly and plausibly enough, but next day Dr. Saunders proved that he hadn't made one correct statement.

—Prof. Ward, in senior Latin class: "Why, I can't cut you fellows during Prom. week. Why can't you have your dance in vacation time, anyway?"

Redmond: "Well, professor, we want to show our professors to our girls." (Flush of flattered modesty and silence upon part of professor.)

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