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Today's Game.

Every man in college should go to the game on Steuben Field this afternoon. Aside from the fact that it signalizes the resumption of athletic relations between Union and Hamilton, the game will be worth seeing. Then too your help will be needed to swell the yelling; first to welcome Union, and then to encourage the team, and after the game is over to cheer victor and vanquished. Union will have a big delegation on the field, a whole train-load, and it won't do to let the Union slogan be heard above Hamilton's war cry. Both teams are in good condition, and a snappy, hard game will be played. As near as can be ascertained the line-up will be:

Union.		Hamilton.
Reeder.	Left end.	Evans.
Griswold.	Left tackle.	DeVotie.
Lent.	Left guard.	Wills.
Miller.	Center.	Blakely.
Bolles.	Right guard.	Speh.
Von Dannenburg.	R. T.	Barrows.
Olmsted.	Right end.	Roosa.
Sherrill.	Quarterback.	Bramley.
Patton.	Left halfback. (Capt.)	Peet.
Gulnas. (Capt.)	R. halfback.	Hosmer.
King.	Fullback.	Mann.

Freshman-Clinton Game.

The game between the Clinton High School and the freshman teams last Wednesday proved an interesting and at times exciting contest. During the first period of play, the school team several times took the ball towards their opponent's goal only to have it punted back into their own territory. The second half was decidedly in favor of the freshmen, and the rushing game of the first half was entirely reversed. The play was continually in Clinton's territory, and toward the close of the half the freshmen tried for a field goal from the ten-yard line, but were blocked.

Both teams played well, the Clinton boys showing evidence of the thorough

coaching of "Dan" Redmond '01. For the high school, Moore, Risley, Dempsey and Schwartz excelled. Bennett, Kelly, Nellis and Murdock did good work for the college men.

Clinton plays Rome on the campus one week from Saturday, and judging from the work of the high school as seen Wednesday the game should prove exciting and worthy of a good turnout.

"Lit." Plans.

The "*Lit.*" this year has adopted the plan that so many college periodicals have tried successfully; that is, competition for vacant positions on the board of editors. One great detriment to the magazine in the past has been that "pull" rather than any merit shown, has too frequently obtained in such elections.

Each crowd who had a man on one year, felt slighted if they had none the next year. Only an unusually good writer or a strong factional feeling ever changed the situation. In the last few years we have knocked factions out of our college life and with the rest should go this last relic of the old regime.

The Board intends that all its nominations shall be on the basis of actual work accepted. As a part of this outline it is proposed at intervals to publish the best freshman and sophomore essays, and junior orations, as such. These will be selected by the editors and the head of the department, and will have weight in the spring nominations. The aim of this new policy is to awaken greater interest in the monthly and in that required branch of college work which we are prone to belittle.

LAMBERT '03.

Mail Schedule! Mail Schedule!

Mail will leave the hill mornings as follows: Monday at 9, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 10, and Saturday at 6:30. Nights, mail will leave the hill at 4:45.

Columbia, 35; Hamilton, 0.

The anniversary game between Hamilton and Columbia duplicated the contest of the previous year in some ways and more than doubled it in others. The team arrived in New York under fair skies of frosty temperature on Friday, and arose on the morning of crisis to the prospect of threatened rain. But none appreciated any use of boding, and what looked inevitable came to pass.

The field was a bit too moist to insure secure play and no fumbles. The respective teams jogged on to the field for test practice at about 2:30 escorted by a brisk heavy patter of rain. After the preliminary signal trials Captains Peet and Weekes adjusted the essentials of the game after a protracted palaver, due to Columbia's insistence on two 30-minute halves. Suspense was finally ended and Hamilton deployed herself to receive the kick-off from Columbia.

The ball described an erratic parable to Hosmer who crunched to earth with it after an advance, netting about 10 yards. The two teams in moderately dry armor soon to be saturated, aligned themselves for the first and critical scrimmage. With the ball on her 20-yard line, Hamilton without cue associated two passes to the 15-yard discomfiture of all Columbia. The next dash outside of tackle developed Hosmer spurting with the ball for Columbia's back-defender. Hosmer was foundered after a fine run of 25-yards. Dave took up the task and succeeded in forwarding the ball ten yards more. It appeared to all the spectators—to some with joy and to the dread of others—that the plucky little backs from Clinton were making folly and farcement of the Columbia defense, crumbled as it was by the relentless onslaught of the line men; but after several unavailing attempts to secure another first down, Dave punted the ball a poor distance and Columbia began her tactics. In spite of several consecutive slender first

downs, Columbia's plays were stopped by splendid defense on the part of the whole Hamilton team, and Columbia was constrained to abandon the ball to a punt. Bramley cooped the pigskin but was tackled with but short gain. By this time the Columbia players had recovered from a partial panic, and with the decrease of their demoralization grew their gains. With their massive collected plays borne in hard consecution against the Hamilton line, the ball was advanced by two and three yard gains toward the goal. Plays were repeatedly checked and to all judgments thoroughly stopped by Wills and Speh, but the onset of the heavy team always slid the ball along the slippery ground for its meagre gain. The defense presented by Hamilton at this juncture was nobly to her credit. The line men unclasped the offense of Columbia time and again, seemed to secure the play for a loss; Mann and Peet and Hosmer tackled the man with ball in ample time to have downed the play, but the weight always swung on the forward pitch enough to aggregate the five yards in the allowed number of downs. By these incessant assaults with mass plays the Columbia backs and tackles carried the ball creepingly, but invincibly toward the coveted line. At the close of a period of twenty minutes play the ball surged over the line, locked in a squirming pile of human forms for the first touchdown. Columbia failed at the first goal.

DeVotie sent a fluke kick on the next foray and Columbia resumed her trip-hammer play. This became too hard for her ambitious field captain, so he tried the ends. Both plays resulted in repulse. Hamilton secured the ball and failing to make substantial gains, punted. The ends were down in good shape, but missed the tackle and the ball was carried well up toward the center. Columbia made a well executed end run of thirty-five yards. With the same hard lunges she carried the ball across for the second touchdown. The goal made the score 11-0.

On the next kick-off the ball was fumbled and in securing it the Columbia team had a bad setback. Columbia's gains were paltry; Hamilton saw the nearby goal and set herself for the recovery of the wherewith. The ball was soon Hamilton's; after two disastrous attempts to gain and simultaneously get orientation on the goal posts. Dave stepped back for a drop, to be prevent-

ed by the pipe of the referee's whistle for time-up.

In the second half, Weekes who had not been in the game during the first, took his position and at the kick-off the ball was carried up 25 yards. The Hamilton line began to flag through injuries and absolute fatigue while Columbia began to substitute fresh men, she advanced the ball by gains of greater distance. Thorpe, the heavy tackle, plunged and scrambled for long gains and the ball was carried over for a touchdown and a goal.

On the next kick-off Weekes made a barbarous run the whole length of the field, gliding through the field like a dodging rabbit. After this disaster Hamilton took a brace and held in the line so hard that in the fierce attack and the fiercer reception Weekes fumbled the ball. Hamilton secured it and advanced it for two first downs, Speh making a magnificent run through Wills and DeVotie. But Columbia was too strong and weighty and the ball was soon surrendered. Columbia now resorted to punting tactics and Hamilton followed better suit. At this point came the worst reverse of the game. Weekes turned after a punt that passed over his head, fumbled for it and finally got started. Mann, the only one down on the kick, missed the tackle on the dodge and the result was a second touchdown from an original basis. Here DeVotie was injured and Dowling took his place. Columbia succeeded in making one more touchdown before the game was over. Hamilton made one more trial for a goal from the drop-kick. The game ended with the score 35-0 in Columbia's favor.

There is no controverting the fact that Hamilton was outclassed. The heavy onslaught of Columbia's massive plays gradually wore away our defense. The center men made a fine defense, but with Wills injured the left side of the line began to relax. Mann played a game of splendid pluck on defense. Hosmer, Peet and Bramley played to the death, but they were all too light. The inferior size and weight, coupled with the injuries sustained and aggravated by the necessity of unadmitted defense, exhausted the team before the close of the protracted first half. Our center at times played high and the tackles were badly boxed. Barrows, however, repeatedly ploughed through the advancing Columbia breakers and stopped the play for short gains. The ends were

too submissively perplexed by their opponents, but this can be easily remedied. As to the ensemble of the play there is only one adverse criticism and that is the same old one. As far as the game was concerned, the penalties exacted from Hamilton became the disgust of all and that feature of the game soured most of the spectators.

We were overwhelmed, but not dishonorably. We are extant yet and shall demonstrate it later.

Columbia.		Hamilton.
	Left end.	
Earle, (Post).		Evans.
	Left tackle.	
Brown.		DeVotie, (Dowling).
	Left guard.	
Tomlinson, (Shaw).		Wills.
	Center.	
Duden.		Blakely.
	Right guard.	
Dodin, (Shaw).		Speh.
	Right tackle.	
Thorpe.		Barrows.
	Right end.	
Wolff, (Strangland).		Roosa.
	Quarterback.	
Townsend.		Bramley.
	Left halfback.	
Weekes.		Peet.
	Right halfback.	
Smith, (Fisher).		Hosmer.
	Fullback.	
Duell.		Mann.

The referee was McCarthy, of Manhattan College; Ridley, of Yale, was umpire, and King, of Princeton, had charge of time and lines.

The Hamilton Badge.

If there is any one thing that is needed by the College it is a respectable college pin. The old style flag pin never has been much in the favor of the undergraduates. It is to be hoped that it never will be. A reproduction of the college seal—such as is finding favor at Columbia—done into a badge of convenient size would do much to relieve our need. To that end John F. Newman, the well known New York jeweler, has prepared a badge bearing the seal of Hamilton. The badge may be used either as a pin or a fob. The Latin motto around the outer edge of the seal is in buff gold upon a background of blue enamel. The inner portion of the seal is in gold cameo relief work. The price of the badge will be reasonable. A fuller description will be published in a later issue. The College badge should be adopted, either for use by the college as a whole, or else as a distinctively "upperclassmen" affair. At any rate

there should be no excuse from now on for neglect to wear a suitable Hamilton emblem. A GRAD.

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"TROTS."

The article in this issue on English translations presents the other view of the question. It is a live topic and worthy of discussion, for it is of vital importance to the college. There are many who agree with the present writer, but the general sentiment rests with the writer of last week. LIFE would be glad to publish further opinions on this subject. To be most effective a law must be reasonable. Many of the students need still to be convinced that the measure is for the best interests of the college, before obeying it willingly. Any friend of the college will do a kindness in presenting his views, if he writes with knowledge and experience.

COLLEGE SONGS.

A few days ago some of the fellows sang a song in the corridor of the Hall of Languages, just before going into class. When they were seated, a minute later, the professor said: "You men sing well. It's seldom that a crowd of young men can sing with so little discord as you showed just now. I've often wondered why there isn't more singing around the campus, here. It cheers up the students and the professors, too. I hope than you will continue it. But let me suggest that you find some distinctively Hamilton songs to sing. That's what we like to hear. Why, when I meet some of the fellows who were in college with me and we pipe up one of the old songs, it makes me forget, and makes us all forget, the twenty years that have passed since our college days. We don't have enough singing here, so I hope you gentlemen will keep it up; only with Hamilton songs instead of the songs of a minstrel show."

Anyone who reads this paraphrase of

a classroom comment, will recognize that it is true. The new song book just issued contains singing material for all occasions. And yet some catchy air will come along, such as "The Good Old Summer Time," and all the fellows will hum it. In such songs it is always the music, never the words, that captures a crowd. Now wouldn't it be a good idea when such airs become popular to fit to them some doggerel verses suited to college life.

COMPETE!

Anything that makes for better English in college is a power for good. Careful as our courses in rhetoric and composition are, there is room for extensive improvement. It is for this reason especially that we congratulate the *Lit.* on the plan set forth in our columns this week by the editor of the monthly. It is a stimulus and thoughtful composition to be received well in chapel; but to compete for publication in the columns of the literary magazine is an additional and stronger motive. Short essays and orations on live topics will give vigor and freshness to the *Lit.* Prize essays and orations have often too large and deep a theme for student treatment, and the style is seldom adequate to the subject. Only a master can sustain interest through several pages. This plan is one of the best of the many clever ideas of the present *Lit.* board, for while working its own good it strengthens the chapel appearances.

BASKET-BALL.

A meeting of last year's basket-ball team was called by the manager last Wednesday for the purpose of electing a captain in place of McLaughlin '03. Mangan '03 was elected unanimously. The outlook for the coming season is promising. There are four old players, and two new ones with excellent prep. school records. And beside this definite basis there are several who have had more or less experience in the game. The captain is a hard worker and can be relied on to draw out the best efforts from his men. The manager is handicapped by a late election to his office, with no advantage of previous experience, but the college can rest assured of good management and a worthy schedule. Already several games have been arranged. The team should begin work early and keep it up persistently; the college should give hearty support.

NEXT Saturday's game with Hobart will be a hard one, from all indications. Hobart has an exceptional team this season. Let every scrub man come out on the field every day. Let the sidelines be full of cheer for the squad.

FOR the account of the Columbia-Hamilton game we are indebted to N. L. Drummond '02.

"Pro Trots."

To the Editors of Life:

The college, the columns of the weekly paper, and the editorials of several city issues of news, have been teeming with the agitation which has been loosed on the subject of translations and their use. The article in LIFE purports and alleges itself to be authoritative as far as the action of the faculty and the knowledge of the relative merits of *pro* and *con* concern us. This discursive dissertation aiming obviously to defend the action and give it countenance before the college, in its attitude of justification oversteps the bounds of presumption and dogmatizes to a thoroughly offensive edge. The sense of the article cannot acknowledgedly be one of invective or denunciation, because it is a gosling theory which it tentatively advances. The tone of the whole effort is too palpably one of "Well, look here now." The author presumes that the classics are the all-prevailing element in the college curriculum, when daily and yearly electives and matriculations demonstrate that other sciences are tending to preponderate it. He predicates of each man who attends Hamilton a growing desire to delve to the rock-lined bottom of the classic pool, whereas most wish to swim it and not drown time, means and future temporal opportunities. In short, the whole tenor of the article is one of wholesale assumption, and the whole argument is based thereon. We would concede that if all the good that a man could be recipient of were to be derived from the classics, the points of the "complaint" might have some significance; but here is error vile. We would yield the point that if a man were to make a life vocation of the study and promulgation of classic lore, the aforesaid ground might bear up the claim; but all men are not looking for deposits and accretions of the musty soil to throw the mould upon themselves and their future. We will acknowledge with the writer that for preparation in classics carried

on in the introductory institutes of the country and the high schools, the use of "trotts" is detrimental and disadvantageous to the student. We admit his position there, but can go no further, except perhaps in the alternations of a few dilemmas.

After his allusion to the use of translations in schools of a "prep." nature, he carries the theory then into a field where its puritanical properties convert it through the practical mind into an enormous heresy. He contends that the student in college can get more profit out of a classical course without resort to keys than he can by their assistance. Here we have that old distinction between the much harped on differentiated *legitimate* and *wrong* helps. Only the expert can see the practical difference after the prepared student has entered college. The intolerant commenter will reprobate every help save those prescribed by himself. The man of respect for the opinions of his peers, and a majority of even inferiors, will qualify the stringency of his own judgments. There are many men eminent and celebrated in the field of classical study and research who even advocate the use of "trotts" on grounds of utility and economy.

The author asserts that it is without the function or the desire of a faculty to exercise police power or do its duties. This very action of the faculty bespeaks the error of his claim. For no other purpose than that, have they taken body and corporate action. The few, or the couple have spread the contagion to enough to carry the ill-advised motion. The compiler has alluded to the sham and the cheat which the "trot" involves. If he means the sham toward the professor he is self-assertive again. He creates the opinion in himself and condemns the botched "sham" through his arbitrary self. If the cheat is to the man himself, it is his own right and privilege. To distract or curtail it is to usurp a power and make its exercise police. The whole argument of the polemic is porous and like saturated tissue paper. It gives no concessions and circumscribes its claim with no predicaments of "although."

The entire question is one of conditions. It depends on the attitude or the possibility of the man in college. If he imagines himself desirous of a lopsided education; if he prefers to fossilize himself and divert his energies into

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College Notes.

—The Trinity game will be played in Utica.

—McIntyre '05 was elected captain of his class team.

—McDonald ex-'05 has joined the freshman class.

—The R. P. I. game was cancelled by mutual consent.

—Owens '03 is again on the hill, after a siege of scarlet fever.

—Pictures taken during the rowing this fall are on sale at King's.

—Chapman '03 surprised his class by putting up a phenomenal debate.

—"Dave" Peet is the only man in college who has ever played against a Union team.

—An interesting missionary meeting is promised for the Sunday Y. M. C. A. meeting.

—The juniors in English history are asking, "Where is that cut that 'Pretty' promised?"

—Ask a sophomore who takes Greek in regard to "What is your how, and how is your what?"

—In Bible, Jenks '05 when asked which Antioch he is talking about, replies "the other one."

—Prof. Wilbur is putting the freshmen through a preparatory course in philosophy.

—More freshmen might have turned out to the game which their class played with Clinton.

—"Windy" says that he enjoys singing in the corridors of Language Hall, while "Bib" protests it is a sin.

—In his lecture in Roman history, "Windy" speaks of buildings having a "Queen Ann front and a Mary Ann back."

—Let us commend the faculty and the press club. Both have been strong factors in the recent newspaper reports of this college.

—Ferguson '04 caused much laughter in noon chapel last Wednesday, by his references to "Louis" as an abandoned old sinner.

—There is talk of a football game with Wesleyan at Albany later in the season. There is a college that we should play.

—"Auld Lang Syne" would not be an improper tune for today on Steuben Field, when we meet some old friends from Schenectady.

—If you want to see and buy some original freehand drawings of the Hamilton College girl, examine the Fiddler

girls' collection which Springstead '05 has at his room, 21 North. The Fiddler girls illustrated last year's *Hamiltonian*.

—The sophomores gathered in front of Truax Hall one day last week and gave "Pop" Weber a rousing class yell to show him that he was not forgotten.

—The regular passenger trolley and a work car met with an accident on Utica street on Wednesday. Two men, one a motorman and the other a workman, received serious injuries.

—Four men who were posted to go to New York last week were excluded, because the dean would not grant excuses to so large a number. They were Pratt, Ehret, Sicard and Thompson.

—A meeting of the trustees of the Y. M. C. A. was held in Silliman Hall, Tuesday night. Refreshments were served to those in attendance and also to a few students who wandered in at the critical moment.

—Secretary of War Elihu Root '64 and Dr. A. Norton Brockway '57 were in chapel on Wednesday morning. They were in Clinton to attend the trustee meeting of the college. After chapel, college yells were given to each of them.

—Robinson '05 was expelled from chapel Wednesday for calling for a gesture from a freshman who had not once moved his hands since coming on the stage. The sophomores would like to know what "Hank" White considers "proper criticism."

—The yearly catalogue of the college is out. The picture which appears as a frontispiece is not worthy of commendation. We have seen many pictures of Science Hall which far surpass this one. It would be most advantageous to scatter more and better photos throughout the book.

—Students who wish to go to the theatre are often bothered considerably, because they are unable to go into Utica to get tickets. An excellent remedy for this state of affairs has been found. Mr. King in Clinton has offered to engage seats for those desiring, providing they let him know a few days in advance. This will be a great convenience for the students and will be a great kindness on the part of Mr. King.

ATR: "*In the Good Old Summer Time.*"

In the good old college days,
In the good old college days,
Singing 'round on Kirkland's Hill
Alma Mater's praise;
Strolling all the campus o'er,
And 'long the shady ways;
Crowding life into a song,
In the good old college days.

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one stream so deep that its flowing waters will eventually stagnate and mantle over with the scum of atrophy and a wasted life, then he is at liberty, though he ought not to proceed thus. If a man has no other ambition than to master Latin and Greek, to the exclusion of all other objects, he has his right to do so. But we insist, and the opinions of many celebrated students of this problem to which we have adverted declare, that the benefits to be obtained from the translation along the lines of a beautiful vocabulary, the economical consumption of time and the added opportunity it gives for a diversified endeavor, absolutely overbalance the countercontentions. Few of us ever care to speak Latin or to construe its beauties in dead terms. It is folly save for the fool or the crank to clothe the corpse in dead men's rags and then fondle it, make it your crony and be-tongue it. Life is too short for such a vain devotion of time to one, for the most of us, useless subject. Life is fraught with opportunities too profitable to defer preparation for them, merely to spend hours on a lesson in the classics.

Many are the men who have graduated from Hamilton College having pursued the policy encouraged by the faculty to the neglect of other college duties; to the omission of other opportunities; to the disregard of social obligations, and even fellow decency. We could cite, too, innumerable examples. And each man will tell you today, unless he plays falsely with himself, that he regrets it. His mental discipline which was but a vagary has proved of no avail in the whirl of the world. The friends he failed to make in college are so many reflective thorns in his sleep. The opportunities to do for Hamilton; to make a name and a record for himself, all of which he discarded for the purpose of spending three and four hours on a subject, are his bitterest regret. He did not go through college in the true sense. No part of the true college went through him. He or it had not the time or chance. Today he is sour on men who have done other things for Hamilton College while he smoked the midnight lamp. He envies their welcome on their return andresents himself. There are men doing the same thing in Hamilton today for a similar reason. They will continue to do it, seeing that the policy meets the favor of the faculty. It is their loss and re-

dounds perhaps to the loss of Hamilton's prestige; certainly, to her representatives on the practice field and in social features. If the writer of the article discredits this, let him give time to introspective study of himself, question his own satisfaction with his college course. If he is satisfied that none of it applies to him, then he is insincere or else a man ultra-exceptional and must not presume to compare himself with mediocre others.

If some men will prostitute opportunity for a bauble god, it is to be regretted. But let no man so actuated feel constrained to discard himself and better openings in order to satisfy in his conscience the whims and grotesque caprice of anyone who would retard him and draw his college course into a knot. Use your own discretion, is the best advice that can be given or followed.

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