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## Review of Track Season.

Three college records and one intercollegiate record broken, give an adequate suggestion of the work done this year in the track department. The other work, too, except perhaps the jumps, has been gratifying. Our failure to take the pennant at the intercollegiate at Rochester, is only an unkindness of the Fates, when we remember that we defeated each of the other competitors in dual meet. "Uncle John" says the team is the best Hamilton has had in years.

Such a showing has required hard work. Our trainer has been especially faithful and the fellows have appreciated it. The management has wound up a long season with a surplus, through its own diligence and carefulness coupled with the generosity of the college. During training season there have been fellows out to watch and cheer the men in their tiresome practice. Everything has been favorable except the weather, which was never worse for a whole season than it has been this year. And right here we begin to speak of our captain. It is doubtful if the track department ever had a better captain. Training perhaps too rigidly himself he kept us at our tasks with cheering word and look of interest. He was in close sympathy with every one of us. We had, beside the usual reasons for training, the extra inducement, to please Naylor. The college will not fail to recognize the large fraction of praise and esteem that belongs to him who captained the strong team of this year.

The work of individuals is rather difficult to notice in a perfectly just way. The dashes have fallen in nearly every instance to Jones. Van Allen has done hard and good work and DeVotie must be commended. Carmer has been running a strong quarter; Pratt and Miller have taken points in it. In the half Carmer and Miller have been taking things all through the season, the lat-

ter coming within 1-5 seconds of the college record. Mann gives bright promise of doing the hurdles faster than anyone else on the hill in years; Edgerton lacks strength, but should feel encouraged. In the jumps we have been weak. However, MacLaughlin, Edgerton and Remington have secured points during the year. Sherman has run the mile in promising style, clipping off about ten seconds from his work of last year; Wood has more endurance this year; Tuthill has done commendable work. Naylor has over-trained this season and so although running a strong two miles, has not received credit for his full ability. In Nasmith, of Colgate, he had a wonderful man to run against. "Art." has been too conscientious in his work both as captain and as member of the team. In the pole vault Carter grows nervous, Bosworth has improved a great deal, and Wicks has done especially fine work. Minor is again this year easily champion at the discus; Dowling and Merrick may do something next year. In the hammer throw Blakely is far ahead of anyone he has met this year. Minor is throwing over a hundred and will improve next year. DeVotie has not come up so much as he might have done, but he was good enough for a third at the intercollegiate. Altogether the college may be proud of its track representatives. It is a good thing, too, that most of the material will remain with us next year. Three cheers for Naylor and the rest!

## The Undergraduate.

I want to be a senior,  
And with the seniors stand;  
All my plugging over,  
My diploma in my hand.

—Ex.

She—I suppose you will commit suicide if I refuse you.

He—That has been my custom.

—Ex.

## The Clark Prize Exhibition.

The class of 1902 did itself and the College honor by the unusually excellent oratory displayed on the evening of June fourth. All the speaking was of a high order and some of the efforts were of special excellence. A college that can produce such examples of public speaking well deserves confidence and generous praise. Hamilton is keeping up its reputation for oratory and has no fear of successful competition from any institution in the country. Hamilton men feel a deep loyalty to this department of the College, and by the combined efforts of students' drilling and the direction of the professor in charge this factor in the college course is bound to remain dominant. It is recognized by students and faculty alike that the development of the other departments of the College has made a vigorous attack upon the position oratory has so long held here; but the Clark Prize contest this year reveals the fact that public speaking is not only holding its own, but successfully competing against the combined forces issuing from the other departments of our institution. The students are now doing three times the work that men of twenty years ago were compelled to do, and they still learn to speak well, and are jealously guarding the reputation that has made Hamilton in the public view the "Home of Modern Oratory." May this honorable title long be an inspiration to every student to put forth the best efforts and to keep alive the spirit of eloquence and manly public speaking in the College on the Hill! We praise and thank the class of 1902 for its loyalty to our great ideal for its splendid Clark Prize exhibition. This

will furnish inspiration to the class of 1903, and let us surpass it if we can!

Mr. Campbell—"The Strengths and Weaknesses of Trade Unionism." In this day of billion dollar "steal" trusts, combination of labor for protection against such gigantic corporations is inevitable. To the capitalist, a labor conflict is a mere blot in the balance sheet. To the laborer, it means every affliction that the imagination can conceive. If capital combines, labor must combine for its own protection. Laboring men have given up the idea of individual freedom of competition, the fallacy of which has been shown by combinations of capital, and have taken up instead the larger freedom of collective life. Unionism is economically and educationally valuable—it preserves the laborer's standard of living, removes the disadvantages under which the great mass of workingmen suffer and furnishes him benefits which insure him in sickness and death; it enlarges the laborer's social and mental self, inculcates habits of temperance and self-restraint, teaches a practical recognition of human brotherhood. But Unionism has weaknesses. It recognizes the mission of strikes and assumes a menacing attitude toward the non-union men. The personal freedom of the individual citizen is the most sacred and precious inheritance of Americans. The Constitution and laws authorize it, the spirit of the country proclaims it, the prosperity of the people demands it! But the crimes annually perpetrated upon innocent women and children, upon persons and property, and that heinous cry of "Traitor! Scab!" are sufficient to bring down upon Trade Unionism the intensest hatred, suspicion and abuse which American citizens can feel or conceive. Public safety demands the correction of the evils of Trade Unionism. The personal liberty of non-union men must not be abridged. Capital and labor must unite their interests, live side by side in peace. Capital must deal justly with labor—the problem of this century is, how to harmonize these conflicting elements within our economic organism. Labor must give a just return to capital. Our whole industrial system must rest on the rock foundation of justice and righteousness, unless such a basis be found, there is reason to fear the just wrath of God. Mr. Campbell's oration was delivered in a sincere, manly manner, with conviction and with touches of vivid realism. His style was largely that of a debater who has a proposition to establish, and there was a straight forwardness about Mr. Campbell's effort that charmed his attentive listeners.

Mr. Gilbert—"The Strengths and Weaknesses of Trade Unionism." This is a careful exposition of a profound sociological problem that intimately concerns every thoughtful citizen. A broad and liberal view of the Strengths was taken, and the Weaknesses were treated without favor. Trade Unionism has had a slow but irresistible progress, battling against the greed of capital, the unreason of men and the despotism of self-constituted leadership. The horrors of the French Revolution, a picture of Russian serfdom, the blackness of the English labor system and the emancipation of the negro slave were all recalled as steps in the onward march of Trade Unionism, which has lashed out the money-changers from our legislative halls, rescued women and children from the greed of the unprincipled capitalist, ensured the family against destitution in time of trouble and secured the elevation of the toiling masses. But false champions of Trade Unionism have wickedly played upon the prejudices of the laboring man, making him the victim of a false philosophy, antagonistic to capital, entailing moral and pecuniary loss. The demagogue assumes control, alienates employer and employed, forms the laboring mass into mobs, commits murder and tends toward anarchy. These conditions bode no great good to society, but there is a remedy,—education! Fallacious theories shall flee before the advance of more liberal intelligence, arbitration clasp hands of employer and employed over a bloody chasm. A humble Carpenter and a divine King proclaimed that all men are brothers. Cooperation and partnership will characterize the economic future—this is the logic of Christianity, the ideal of Christianity, the ideal of Christian Ethics. Trade Unionism stands before us today the undaunted champion of human liberty who is to lead the masses out of the confusion of the present into the light and peace and serenity of the magnificent economic future. Mr. Gilbert's oration was a model in form and compares well with those of Stone, '99, and Warner, '96. Gilbert's style was magnetic, he was conscious of the value of his theme, and from start to finish interest was not allowed to flag. Gilbert added honor to his previous reputation as orator. His oration and his speaking were in perfect harmony, and his effort worthy of unstinted praise.

Mr. Harwood—"The Poet as Prophet." The poet has ever been the prophet

who has revealed to men their own hearts, their relations to the universe, and their very destiny. As forthteller and foreteller, the poet proclaims unceasingly the final redemption of the world. When the message of the Hebrew prophet was closed and sealed, then the song of the poet burst forth, teaching men the deeper lessons of life and the world, the conflict between good and evil, the stubborn defiance of the human will, and the salvation of man by faith and faith alone. The true poet penetrates the "open secret", idealizes, exalts the actual, fashions and re-fashions universal elements, tells the truest and noblest in the hearts of peoples, and speaks for all ages. By stirring sentiment, by inspiring precept, the poet has woven more closely the bonds between man and man. Declaring the affinity of all humanity, he has instilled patriotism and promulgated religion. Like the Hebrew prophet, in the darkest hours of the nation's history, in times of gloom and despair, by his songs the poet has gladdened the people's heart, given them hope and wrested victory from defeat. Aeschylus, Sophocles, Virgil, Dante and the poets of modern times, have all proclaimed truths that are filled with prophecy of present life and the hopes of the golden age that is yet to come. In teaching the profoundest truths, the broad and uplifting lessons of humanity, the poet has always adorned the office of the prophet, proclaiming the progress of humanity, opening the deeper secrets of the heart to the world, and ever urging the sons of men towards

"One God, one law, one element,  
And one far-off divine event,  
To which the whole creation moves."

Mr. Harwood is a quiet, polished and magnetic speaker who adapts himself admirably to the style of his composition, impressing his hearers with the fact that he believes every word he utters. The oration he delivered was of excellent literary quality and held a unique place in the exhibition. Mr. Harwood did some very fine public speaking and is here commended.

Mr. Naylor—"The Patriotism of John Milton." Milton fought for civil, intellectual and religious liberty. The genius of Milton was given to the Commonwealth, whose principles were the people's, whose cause was God's. His sword was his pen, his pen the bulwark of the nation. Upon the triform patriotism of churchman, citizen and statesman, which the poet Milton represents,

governments have been formed and nations have lived. Milton left all other pursuits to engage in the opposition to Episcopacy and to rescue his countrymen from slavery. In the pamphleteering which followed, Milton's name was made immortal. To all posterity it stands as the synonym of religious liberty and truth. He was true Protestant and true patriot. It was the spirit of Milton that amended the Constitution of 1791, that protested the Sedition Act of 1798. It was the old passion of patriotism which welled up in the poet's heart that impelled him at the sacrifice of his literary life and personal pursuits to enter into the official service of his country as Latin Secretary. The Defensio Populi made the name of Milton not only to England, but to Europe, not only to Europe, but to the world, to his contemporaries, to all posterity, the symbol of patriotism and liberty. Liberty was his guiding star, his dominant purpose the establishment of a free commonwealth, his inspiration undying patriotism. As long as there was hope, Milton struggled on to save his people. In the hour of restoration, amid seeming defeat, he collected his faculties and with matchless courage hurled a last desperate weapon at his enemies. To the greatness of the Christian was united the greatness of the statesman and the greatness of the patriot. Wherever the principles of civil, moral or religious liberty have won, there the spirit of Milton has won. Wherever men have died for these, there his faith has lived, and death has been swallowed up in victory. Mr. Naylor is a natural speaker and his oration was delivered with superb spirit and energy. This was one of the best efforts of the evening and revealed much of the true fire and intensity of the real Hamilton oratory.

Mr. Scoville—"The Progress of International Law." International law is the arbiter of nations, the mediator between conflicting universal wills. Principles have been sought to which the strong should yield, and to which the weak should appeal. Not among the Hebrews, but in classic Greece was inaugurated the movement toward the universal harmony of the nations through law. When the restraints of feudalism had disappeared, when men were groping in the impenetrable gloom, yearning for some guide to conduct them out of the confusion and despair of disintegrating na-

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We wish to acknowledge our indebtedness for the careful and laborious report of Clark Prize to Professor Squires.

### HAMILTON ORATORY.

The Clark Prize exhibition of Wednesday night suggested a thought of great importance to the college. We have always been proud of this contest in original oratory; and so we should be. Four of the compositions of the nineteen-two representatives were masterful in both thought and expression. But do we not forget in our admiration of the few excellent speakers chosen for this occasion, that the majority of us have no right to that plume we so proudly wear? There can be no disloyalty in saying that this branch does not receive the same attention now as formerly. We would not be misunderstood. The present head of that department is striving earnestly to do all that he can; but he has to do too much else. A few years back a book of declamations was dedicated to "Hamilton College, the home of modern oratory." It was an honest and deserved tribute. At that time this part of the curriculum was better fostered. An alumnus of the early nineties said every man in his class, and in all the other classes under his observation, was allowed five or six drills. This necessitated early appointments and careful memorizing. But such thorough and persistent application magnified the exercise into that prominence that gave us our reputation. Hamilton men today are among the most pleasing and convincing public speakers,—ministers, lawyers, lecturers. But we cannot live long in the honors of the past. The earnest, well-directed efforts of our predecessors

won for Hamilton the laurel. We should keep it for her. The main trouble at present is the mistaken idea of the student responsibility in this exercise. Above all other departments this one is just what we make it. During the last year many men have shown only a feeble attempt at memorizing, to say nothing of drilling. It is disloyal to the grandest tradition of our college to allow our interest in oratory to flag. If every man will bear his share of the burden; if the best drillmasters in each fraternity will do their utmost for the underclassmen under their charge, we shall have no fear for our reputation. Here lies one of our first duties, one of our best opportunities to do something for the fair name of classic old Hamilton.

### STAY FOR COMMENCEMENT.

"A mothering," "Prexy" puts it, and that is the term which should apply to every last man of us now. Commencement is almost here. The seniors are gone. We shall see them together for the last time at the close of the present month. Then is the time when the old "grad." wanders back to tell his stories of the good old days, and when he wants to see the undergraduates. Although the alumni rejoice in this fair hillside and praise its many improvements since their time, yet the strongest attraction of all is the undergraduate. By no other means may the advancement and sterling qualities of this college be so quickly, concisely and accurately judged, as by the type of men that we have here, and so they come to see us.

Now at no time may a student learn so much about his Alma Mater as at commencement. That is the time of retrospective and prospective examination. It is the time to show our true worth, and that is what the "grad." is looking for when he comes back to revisit the scenes of his college days. There are some men—we rejoice that they are few in number—who seem to rush for the first train bound homeward after the final examinations. Usually these fellows are underclassmen, just the men who are needed most and who need the instructive influence of a Hamilton senior week. During the upperclassmen years their presence is quite obligatory, and to prepare them for those two years, previous experience will prove of inestimable value. Our problem here is to make a right inventory of the gifts Hamilton offers, and the commencement of 1902 should be in this list for every one of us.

### PRESS CLUB.

Although it expects merely to begin its work this term, the recently formed Press Association has already done considerable work. What its members do will be done without pay and their work will be tedious and personally unsatisfactory. They will do it for old Hamilton, however, and will feel well rewarded in the privilege of being allowed to work for her.

THE magazines in the Y. M. C. A. reading room are supposed to be left there. There is no excuse for any man taking them to his room.

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tionality, when the intelligent, farseeing ones of the times were appealing to both positive and natural law for sanctions and rules that would insure them of fitting international recognition, and guard the liberties of a nation; it was Hugo Grotius, the diplomat, historian, statesman, the theologian, who gave to all the hopes and ambitions, the vague theories and half-formed principles of the times—these airy nothings—a local habitation and a name! Here is the turning point in the progress of international law—the firm beginning of that tremendous movement in national and international life towards order and integrity, which at last assumed that irresistible power that made Congresses of the nation statutes, and Boards of Arbitration authoritative authoritative courts. As the influence of the Gospel leads successive peoples out of the gloom of ignorance and barbarity into the light of civilization and culture, these new national births shall shed the glory of a continuous progress over the law of nations which is to reach its consummation only in the establishment of the universal brotherhood of mankind. Mr. Scoville is an impressive speaker—there is magnetic fervor in his voice, and a deliberate manner that is admirable. But Mr. Scoville attempted the "elocution act", and throwing aside many of the tried and approved principles of Hamilton public speaking, weakened what might have been made a splendid exhibition of direct and persuasive oratory.

Mr. Ward—"Natural Environment Reflected in National Characteristics." Evolution is the hypothesis of the age. There is harmony between nation and nature, for the hand that wrote the play designed the scene. In the springtime

of history, civilization first ripened in the rich valley of the Nile. But warm climates debilitate, so the North has ever kept the store of primal vigor and pure blood. The peoples of the plains are socialistic. In Palistine mountains are the raised letters in the handwriting of God, spelling out to man majestic lessons of individual freedom. The mountains were the architects of the Greek national character. The wild, free spirit that led the Norsemen everywhere, a-killing everything, was the real sea spirit that Old Ocean keeps. The Spanish national character shows the influence of plague, earthquake and famine. In the United States, Nature makes its first pledge of permanence to a nation. Here is everywhere found a man's climate, demanding energy, developing the will. The severity of the New England winter kept this country for the settlement of stern Saxon peoples, solid, earnest, home-seeking—right men to build a Democracy's foundation. Mountains and forests are guardians of the most sacred memories of our national life. Separated by three thousand miles of water from the home-land, the Declaration of Independence was the expression of the ocean's seclusion upon this nation. The daring that is ours stimulated by the protection by the sea is one pillar in the arch of our Republic; from this issued the Monroe Doctrine—the greatest expression of national presumption in all history. Surely our God-given environment shall be blood upon our doorposts and lintels that the destroying angel may pass over this nation; then, America shall go on to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield. Mr. Ward delivered his oration with great power, earnestness and with consciousness of its strength. He nowhere gave evidence of overtraining, but revealed a reserve of force that inspired interest and great confidence. In the whole range of his speaking, from conversation to the most oratorical passages, Ward kept perfect control of gesture, voice and thought. His splendid effort was appreciated, and received the Clark prize award.

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## Local Department.

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### College Notes.

—The flag of the senior class has been put in its place in chapel.

—Albert Brittan, '05, Columbia, has been spending the past week on the hill.

—Perry, '03, insists upon demanding of "Bill Shep," *quatre cannettes de la biere.*"

—It has been decided definitely that Commons will not be ready for use next year.

—Dutch sentences, Freshman Frolic, D. T. Initiation—oh, what a lovely dream!

—"Windy" asks Mann to quote the Latin of a certain passage of Horace if he can't remember the English.

—At a meeting of the college church last Saturday night, W. P. Soper, '04, and G. M. Day, '05, were elected class elders.

—The defeat of last Saturday was the first Hamilton has ever met at the hands of Colgate in track. May it be the last.

—Invitations have been sent out for the Houghton Commencement exercises which are to take place next Wednesday.

—The interclass baseball game for the championship of the college will probably be played during Commencement week.

—Dickinson, '05, has been compelled to leave college for the remainder of the term on account of the illness of his mother.

—Tomorrow Dr. Stryker will preach in Dr. Meredith's church, in Brooklyn, and Sunday, June 30, he will occupy the same pulpit again.

—"Square" decided that he would rather cut the freshmen Thursday than try to keep them awake by lecturing. "Schnitz" also cut.

—Between thirty and forty men reported for spring football practice this week and all seemed to enjoy getting a little taste of the gridiron again.

—Last Wednesday was the seniors' last morning chapel. After singing and giving a class yell outside they marched into chapel, where they were greeted by a college yell from the other three classes.

—LIFE wishes to correct the statement made in a recent issue, that the late Rev. R. A. Washburn was an alumnus of Hamilton. He was graduated

from Madison University, now Colgate, in the class of 1839.

—L. M. Foote, '94, was on the hill this week. After graduation from the New York Medical School he practiced in Brooklyn as a specialist on the stomach. He is now in the hygienic laboratory of Long Island Hospital.

—The seniors who have been appointed to speak on the Commencement stage sent in a petition that their appearances be done away with and an address by some prominent alumnus be substituted. The request was refused by the faculty.

—Colonel Griffith said some good things in his little preachment at Y. M. C. A. He hit the nail hard when he said, "Criticize your fellows charitably," and "Look for virtues rather than faults," and "Turn the X ray of criticism inside rather than outside so often."

—During the week Frank R. Knowlton, '96, visited the college. His biological course here gave him a fitting start toward quick success. He is now instructor in physiology in Syracuse University, and for the last year, during the illness of the head of that department, has had full responsibility.

### Sunday Notices.

It is the purpose of LIFE to publish hereafter such notices of the following day as may be interesting to the college. Knowledge of who is to preach in the morning cannot, under present rules, make much difference in chapel attendance, but it will give us something to anticipate. Further, there may be downtown services which the college would desire to attend. Finally, our Y. M. C. A. can in this column speak of its plans. We know that the Association is honestly planning for the good of the college in an important department. It is responsible for the cleanliness of language and conduct in college—until it has done its best to reprimand what is not right. It is its duty to help us see how to live as Christian gentlemen. We wish to know how it plans to do these things.

The notices for tomorrow are as follows:

10 a. m.—Bible-study classes meet in Silliman Hall.

10:30 a. m.—Prof. Ibbotson is to preach.

5 p. m.—There will be a general conference of the Y. M. C. A. as to the value of methods so far used and the possibilities for new methods for next

year. If any man have a criticism or suggestion let him be present to speak it. He will be cordially welcomed. Let us not be indifferent to the religious life of our college

### The Rochester Meet.

The sixth annual track meet of the New York State Intercollegiate Athletic Union, which was held Saturday, May 31, with Rochester University, resulted in a victory for Colgate by a score of 42 2-3 points. Hamilton was second with 39 1-6 and Rochester third with 32 1-6. This is the first intercollegiate meet in which we have participated since the spring of '99, when we won the pennant. It would appear from this that we had fallen in track athletics. But the fact of the case is that the other colleges have advanced rapidly in this department, and so they are more evenly matched now than they were before. As the score shows, the meet was closely contested, and we have no reason to complain at our loss. Right here it would be well to mention some of the individual work. deCalesta, Rochester's star sprinter, was expected to win both dashes, but Jones was too much for him and won both events.

Although the place where the field events were held was in poor condition, Blakely succeeded in throwing the hammer 124 feet 6 inches, thus breaking the intercollegiate record. In the distance runs two previous records were threatened and one broken. The time of 2:02 made by Miller in the half mile tells its own story. Nasmith, of Colgate, repeated his performance of May 24, and won both the mile and two-mile, the former in 4:36 1-5 and the latter in 10:25 1-5, but Sherman was a good second in both races, which goes to show that he had made a great improvement in a week. In the jumps and pole vault we were weak. But considering that the men in these events have not had much experience, they put up a very creditable showing. They should not be discouraged, but should come out next year and work all the harder. In the hurdles Mann showed up well and promises to be a fast man in that line. The meet was a success throughout. All the events were run off smoothly and without the slightest interruption. By the way in which the three colleges treated one another, it was shown that a friendly feeling exists among them which, it is to be hoped, will continue to exist.



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