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The Advisory Board Meeting.

A special meeting of the Advisory Board was held Wednesday night in the Y. M. C. A. building. A complete report of the finances of the Gymnasium Show held in Utica last week was given by Wicks. He reported that the net proceeds were \$278.55. The question then arose as to what should be done with this money. There was a difference of opinion on this matter, some holding that the money should be put in the General Fund, from which money could be borrowed by the football department to pay any outstanding expenses; others supporting the contention that the money should be paid outright to meet any football bills at present unpaid. It was finally decided to lay the matter on the table until the views of other members of the board could be obtained. The next subject was that of football coach. The manager read references which had been obtained for Mr. Lewis of Amherst and Mr. Turner of Dartmouth. The board voted to engage Mr. Turner as coach, with a salary of \$500. There was much discussion over the prospective track meets and it was finally decided that Hamilton should send a team to the Intercollegiate meet to be held some time in May. It was further decided to rescind any motion which has been made heretofore limiting the number of meets which we are to have with Colgate this spring. Some such motion was passed at the last meeting when it was feared that the Intercollegiate might be nothing more than a repetition of the dual meet. The board voted that the president of the association should be the person authorized to sign certificates of eligibility which each contestant must have in the future before entering any game or meet. The expression of the board was in favor of the admission of R. P. I. to the Intercollegiate League, provided a regular petition is presented. It was voted to pay the balance due Mr. Sweetland out of the available funds in the treasury of the association. Committees are to be appointed in the near future to take charge of the Interscholastic meet to be held on May 14th.

Officers of the League Meet.

The annual meeting of the N. Y. S. I. A. A. was held at Baggs hotel in Utica last Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. All four colleges in the league, Colgate, Rochester, Hobart, and Hamilton, were represented. There were also three delegates from R. P. I. and one from Union. Prof. Leighton, of Hobart, opened the meeting. Prof. Squires for the judiciary committee reported that the question as to whether Hobart should be awarded her share of the profits of the Intercollegiate track meet held in Utica last year had been thoroughly considered, and that it had been decided that Hobart should be given \$150. In order to prevent any trouble in the future over this point the board decided that each college sending less than ten men to an Intercollegiate track meet should share the proceeds according to the number of contestants it sent, and that all colleges sending above ten should share equally. Mr. Olmstead representing Union stated some claims which he was authorized to make on behalf of the college. He stated that football pennants had been awarded to Union in the years 1900 and 1901, but that these pennants had never been delivered. He had in his possession the treasurer's reports for the two years, and also the minutes of the meeting in 1900. The minutes showed that these pennants had been awarded but there was no item on the treasurer's report to show that any money had ever been expended for them. Mr. Olmstead therefore asked that these pennants be delivered. Mr. Olmstead was requested to give the minutes to the secretary, but this he refused to do, since he had been instructed by Prof. Updike, of Union, to bring them back to Union. The board then decided that in case Mr. Olmstead should see fit to return the minutes, the matter would be referred to the Athletic Committee. This was done after a certified copy had been made. The committee

will examine the minutes of the meeting in question, and if Union's claims are valid, the pennants will be awarded.

It was decided that the Intercollegiate track meet should be held at Utica Park on May 30th. If it is found impossible to get any date in Utica the meet is to be held at Hamilton.

The delegates from R. P. I. applied for admission to the league. An official petition is to be sent to the president of the league, and this is to be forwarded by him to the several colleges for their consideration. In case R. P. I. is admitted she will be allowed to send a track team, but her presence in the league will not affect the football and baseball schedules for the coming year.

In order to avoid the troubles which have arisen lately over alleged professionalism in some of the athletic teams in the league, it was decided that the certificate method should be adopted, by which each contestant or player in every contest shall have a certificate signed by the President or Dean of the Faculty or by the chairman of the Faculty Athletic Committee of his institution, to the effect that such contestant is not a professional but a bona fide student in the university or college which he represents. It was also decided that when two colleges fail to agree upon headlinesman, referee, or umpire, in football, or upon an umpire in baseball, within ten days of the game, the matter is to be referred to the chairman of the Athletic Committee, and he shall have power to appoint such officials.

It was voted that Hobart be called upon to give reasons to the Athletic Committee for cancelling the baseball game, which she was to have played with Rochester on May 28th, 1903, within three days of the date set for the game.

The secretary announced that Union had declined to enter the league. It was decided that the football pennant be given to Colgate. Mr. Murray, of Colgate, was made chairman of the

Athletic Committee, which is to have charge of the arrangements for the Intercollegiate track meet next May.

This annual meeting was one of the best that has been held since Hamilton has been in the league. All negotiations were marked by the greatest friendliness and good-will on the part of all those present, and this argues well for the future welfare of the organization. Especially noteworthy was the spirit manifested by the delegates against the practice of professionalism which has again begun to appear in some of the colleges. If we are to have clean athletics in the colleges of Central New York, some league is necessary which shall prevent this growth of professionalism. So far this association has shown itself to be a strong power in the prevention of this evil, and it is our duty to enforce its laws and thus stand out strong for the spirit of clean athletics.

Prohibition Speaking Contest.

On Saturday, March 19th, will occur the local prohibition speaking contest in place of the usual chapel exercises. Everyone will be interested, as the winner of this contest will represent us in the oratorical contest of the New York State Prohibition Association to be held here in April. The contestants will be judged from two points of view, literary and oratorical. Each one of the orations is written upon some phase of the prohibition question.

One of the live current topics of today is the liquor problem. The Prohibitionists are not the only people who are interested. Federal, state and municipal governments are forced to deal with its numerous phases, and every good citizen must form opinions upon it. Every year you are given a chance to vote in some way on the liquor question. Can you say conscientiously that you are sufficiently informed?

As students of an institution which teaches us noble character, pure politics, and good government, we ought to be ashamed if we are ignorant upon such a live question. Nevertheless it is true that few of us are able to talk intelligently upon the political and economic advantages or disadvantages of the liquor traffic.

To fulfill this need the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association was organized. Its aim is to provide practical training and instruction for those already interested in the work, and to enlist more in-

terest among students. Its chief methods are educational—oratorical contests and meetings for free discussion and study. We have had such an organization here for three years in name, not in deed. We have been represented in the state contests and have taken first place once. We have enjoyed some of the fruits but have attempted very little of its practical work. In fact we have missed the whole point. It is not the honors but the education we want.

What will we do then? There are already a number of fellows sufficiently interested to meet and organize a local club. To organize we need to meet, elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. There are no pledges to be taken. To be a part of the national organization we must pay a membership fee of five cents per month for the "college year," that is all.

It is too late this year to begin any study, we will do that next fall. We have two things to do this year. The first is to hold our local contest to choose a speaker to represent us in the state contest; this has already been arranged for. Secondly, we ought to entertain the state convention and contest here in April, hence some provision must be made for it. We ought to do this, as it is our turn to entertain, and the various clubs of the state understand that we will do so. Such a convention consists of conferences held in the afternoon of one day, an oratorical contest in the evening, and an address by some influential prohibition leader the forenoon of the next day. It means that we will have to take care of about twenty-five representatives from the several colleges of the state at that time, also raise about \$40.00 for the prizes of the contest and the necessary expenses. This was done last year at Colgate by means of a subscription. We will do the same here. In a few days each man in College will be asked to give what he can toward this cause.

Immediately after the contest next Saturday we will form a local club and elect officers. This organization will be permanent and proceed to do its duties this year and hereafter in the proper order. In the name of the cause, the educational value of the movement, pure politics, good citizenship, and the College, I appeal to the fellows of Hamilton to support this league.

EVANS, '04,

President New York State Intercollegiate Prohibition Association.

The Chess Team.

The chess tournament has at last been completed, and the four men who have places on the team are Toll, '04, Richardson, '05, Pound, '05, Driscoll, '06. These four men will now play among themselves in order to determine their relative strength. Next term the team will meet Syracuse probably here on the "home boards." Arrangements are also being made for games with Rochester and Cornell.

The Colgate Game.

The basket-ball team continued its good work of improvement, consequently its performance in the last game of the season, against Colgate, was highly creditable. The crowd that witnessed the game was not as large as it should have been, but still there was considerable enthusiasm and good yelling.

The first half was fast. Colgate's team work was as good as ever and they found the basket several times. Hamilton played her usual good individual game, at times passing in fine shape. We had hard luck in just missing so many baskets. Sherrill threw a sensational basket just as time was called, which however was not allowed.

The second half was faster and rougher than the first. Colgate was kept from scoring for almost ten minutes, while Sicard got one and Sherman landed four fouls. In the last five minutes Colgate got to work again despite our best efforts and ran the score up to 21, while our sheet tallied but 8.

The Williams' and Colgate games ought to show us that we have a good team. Its consistent and steady improvement should be heartily commended. The line-up:

Colgate 21.	Hamilton 8.
Runge.	Right forward.
	Left forward.
Brooks.	Center.
Stringer.	Right guard.
Brigham, (capt).	Left guard.
Greene.	Bramley.
Referee — Ferguson, '04, Hamilton.	
Umpire—Sisson, '05, Colgate. Timers	
—Murray, '04, Colgate, and Evans, '04,	
Hamilton. Scorer — Drummond, '06,	
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THE PROCEEDS OF THE PROM.

When the Junior Prom. committee announced that their dance would cost the fellows five dollars, a general murmur of "too much" was heard. There seemed to be no especial reason for the price jumping one dollar over last year's Prom. The committee silenced such complaining with the promise that should any money be cleared, the College should receive the net proceeds. The men here on the Hill supported the Prom. well, consequently the dance was as big a success financially as socially. Those in charge had \$60 after paying all debts. But this money they intend to keep for their personal use. It hardly seems just to the college body. Our athletic association needs money and could use such a sum to good advantage. It has always been understood that any money made on a Junior Prom. should be turned over to the College. There is no reason why 1905 should depart from such a custom, especially when they gave the college to understand that such would be their action, should the Prom. prove a paying venture. The committee cannot but see the justice of this point of view after the matter is carefully considered.

A FAREWELL BANQUET.

At the last meeting of the Senior Club a proposition was made that the class set the precedent of holding a farewell dinner on the evening following Senior Ball. After everything in the eventful commencement week is over, after they have said their good-byes to all the other fellows, the seniors could have Friday afternoon and evening all by themselves to have their parting talk

and hand-shake. Sad as are, those last few hours of college days, there is a pleasure which one can never forget. To have that pleasure together as a class would be a good departure from our present custom. The day after Senior Ball, when the heart-rending process of tearing up the room and packing trunks is all that is left, would find a proper and more pleasant close in such an informal gathering. To sing again all the college songs, and give the yells, talk over old times and discuss plans for the first reunion; and then to see once more, perhaps for the last time, each fellow in the class and shake him by the hand; this would be the ideal way to end the best four years of our lives. Such a custom cannot be established too soon, and the present seniors would do well to make the best of their opportunity.

SHALL WE ADOPT THE HONOR SYSTEM?

Mr. Diack, one of the state secretaries of the Y. M. C. A., on his recent visit here, spoke of the excellent results that the honor system has secured at Williams, and expressed a desire that the system should be introduced here at Hamilton. In order that we might be better informed on the subject he has sent on a copy of the Williams "Constitution of the Honor System." The chief points in this are as follows: each student that takes an examination is obliged to sign at the end of his paper "I have neither given or received aid in this examination." The presence of proctors in examinations is hereby discontinued, the instructor may be present at his option. During examination the student shall have perfect freedom of action and conversation, provided he does not annoy others. There shall be a committee of ten members, four seniors, three juniors, two sophomores, one freshman, who shall represent the student body and deal with all cases involving violations of the honor system. Members of this committee are elected in a special class election at the beginning of the year. In case of reported frauds in examinations, the committee shall summon the accused person, and witnesses who shall be from the student body, and shall conduct a formal investigation either publicly or privately, at the option of the accused. In case of conviction the penalty shall be for a member of the senior, junior or sophomore class, recommendation to the

faculty of his expulsion; for a freshman, recommendation of suspension. Every student is expected to lend his aid in maintaining this constitution and report to the committee any observed cases of fraud.

Almost everybody recognizes the worth of this system and if the matter were put to vote here today doubtless a majority would favor it. Both faculty and student dislike the present practice of watching and being watched. The virtue of the honor system is that it makes cheating a matter of the student body alone. The man who tries to practice fraud is cheating his fellow students, not the faculty. As a result the student sentiment against such dishonesty is greatly increased.

Most students are prejudiced against this system, because of the false idea that everyone must take an oath to report any fellow whom he sees in the act of cheating. It should be noticed in the above extracts that there is no such espionage required. Each student is "expected" to report but need not do so unless he desires. Should he find a student committing fraud he could warn, or if the case was a flagrant one and warning was of no avail, he could with perfect justification report to the committee. Such reporting is always secret, and the accused need never know his accuser.

This is simply to afford a little food for thought. Do we desire the honor system here? Think the matter over. Columbia students have of late been discussing the question and all of the three upper classes put themselves on record as favoring the new plan, asserting it is necessary at Columbia. What reason is there for thinking that it would not be a great and good thing for Hamilton?

—It is rumored that the gun club intends to hold another shoot.

—The Oriskany took one of its annual rises the first part of the week and several of the fellows, who had been in Utica, experienced some difficulty in getting back to the hill.

—We have good fire protection here on the Hill. A well-equipped hose cart with something on it that was once called hose, and a great number of hydrants. There is no danger of these hydrants being damaged, because the college had the forethought to freeze them up at the first signs of winter, and only a few trusty persons know where abouts under the snow they are. But they are there, we'll vouch for that.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Dr. Stryker, Sunday, made one of the strongest appeals for self-surrender and personal decision ever heard by the college body.

Mr. Diack also addressed the 4 o'clock meeting Sunday on the theme, "The power of personal influence." The meeting was well attended.

The regular communion service of the term takes place Sunday, March 13. The preparatory service is held Saturday evening at 7:30 in the chapel.

At present the enrollment of classes is being vigorously pushed and the plan appears to be meeting with approval. It will certainly be an improvement over old methods if it works.

The association was given a real treat this last week in having Walter J. Diack, Williams, '03, present Saturday and Sunday. Those who heard and met him were attracted by his personality. He spoke as a college man to college men. Being the student secretary of the State Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, he had much information regarding the progress of the association work in the other colleges of New York state. The prominent feature of his visit was his proposal of a new scheme for effective Bible study. The project, which was unfolded before twenty of the most influential men in College affairs, was to establish a class in each of the eight crowds. The purpose is to make the classes as informal as possible and to enroll men who would not join those more formal Bible classes in operation now. A text book is to be used to ensure some system in the discussions. Of course Mr. Diack showed the necessity of there being energetic leaders in each fraternity and society to push the project. When he asked for an expression of opinion, the response was practically unanimous and every man pledged himself to see the plan put into execution.

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Local Notes.

- Dean, '05, has reentered college.
- Prof. Fitch has been ill this week with a severe cold.
- J. Clark, '07, strained his ankle in the gym, last Monday.
- Prof. Ward is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.
- Huntington, '07, held a smoker in his room on Wednesday.
- The sophomore basket-ball team had its picture taken this week.
- The prize examinations in Latin and Greek, come Monday, March 21.
- A phonograph has been added to the equipment of the Commons.
- Rynd, '07, who has a slight touch of pneumonia, is improving steadily.
- Cookingham, '01, who has been seriously ill with typhoid, is out again.
- Prof. Ibbotson has been forced to cut several classes because of a bad cold.
- Bristol has been confined in his room several days with an attack of the grippe.
- Since pet dogs are prohibited in the dormitories some of the fellows have kittens.
- Captain Wood and the candidates for the track team are hard at work in the Gym.
- The Senior Club picture will be taken at the Butterfield tonight promptly at 8:30.
- LeMunyan, Sherman and Sicard, '06, and Schwartz, '07, won basket-ball "H's" this season.

—Day in speaking of Job's suffering, said, in junior Bible last Monday: "He was aching for a trial."

—Prof. Ebeling recently gave his sophomore class an interesting lecture on Roman festive customs.

—R. White, '04, Abbey, '05, and Evans, '05, acted as judges at a speaking contest in Vernon High School.

—Wygant, '07, has left College. He will be a great loss to our baseball team, as he gave promise of being a first-class pitcher.

—One more week and we will have an opportunity to show how little we know. It is to be hoped that we will all survive the ordeal.

—Baseball practice continues regularly in the gym. The men should have their arms in fine condition for out door work the beginning of next term.

—Dr. Stryker has been in New York this past week. He delivered an address at a banquet of the Sons of Oneida held in that city Wednesday night.

—The 'varsity appeared in new stockings and jerseys at the Williams game in Utica last Friday. The jerseys were given to the team by Mrs. Sherman.

—The weather clerk decided that there would be no snowball row between the underclassmen last Wednesday. He entertained us with a blizzard instead.

—The way that the College supported our team in Utica last Friday and at the Gym, Wednesday, was all that could be desired. The effect of such support was shown in the playing of the men.

—The chapel on Wednesday was marked by several humorous incidents. Masse's declaration, after several moments of silent thought, moved even the impeturbable instructor to laughter.

—The game scheduled between the All-Collegiates and 44th Separate Company of Utica for last night was cancelled. Davies, '04, manages the All Collegiates and there are a number of Hamilton men on the team.

—The basket-ball season ended Wednesday in a corking game with Colgate. Now that the games are over some bills will have to be paid, so don't let the manager have to ask you for that money which you subscribed.

—It was bad enough to be without electric lights in the Commons, but now the gas in the Gym is a minus quantity. There is no reason why a supply of gas should not be always at hand. A man may be able to eat by candle light, but such a method of illumination in the baths would be quite impractical.

—When a freshman appears on the chapel stage with an old declamation, it does not seem fair that he should suffer for so doing. The blame naturally lies with the upperclassman with whom he is associated, and it is up to them to be sure that their men have new material.

—Strickland, Ehret, and Merrick are to give their assistance at a benefit given by the ladies of the Kirkland Town Library, this afternoon. "Strick" and Louis will give readings and impersonations, while Merrick intends to favor those present with several vocal solos.

—The exercises in chapel next Saturday noon will consist of orations on different phases of the Prohibition question. The following men will appear in the contest, which is a "stab" for the Intercollegiate Prohibition Contest: Weber, Day, Harwood, Merrick and MacIntyre, '05, Melrose and McLean, '06.

—It was with great pleasure that the members of the basket-ball team accepted Capt. Sherman's invitation to dinner at his home on the night of the Williams game. Several of the fellows had at previous times been fortunate enough to partake of Mrs. Sherman's hospitality, and they predicted a grand time for those who had not been so lucky. One needs only to hear the men talk of their entertainment to know that the prediction was not exaggerated. Mrs. Sherman did everything possible to please the fellows. After a pleasant chat together around the grate fire, a superb dinner was served with Mrs. Sherman presiding. When the fellows set out for the Armory each carried with him a new jersey, the gift of the hostess, and the realization that he had one of the most agreeable evenings of his course.

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1904's class banquet will be held Saturday evening at 8:30 in the Butterfield. The committee of arrangements has asked that LIFE urge every senior to be present. This is your last, and in fact only chance to sit down at a table with every man of your class present. It is strictly a class affair and every person in the class should take some part. This farewell banquet of 1904 should be the best since the custom was established.

Williams 17, Hamilton 6.

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The second half was a great exhibition. Hamilton went in to win, passing, blocking, and shooting in great shape. For a time it looked as though Williams had lost her nerve and the crowd fairly raised the roof. Sicard shot a pretty one and a couple of minutes later Bramley made a sensational basket. Things were looking bright for us when Williams took a brace and despite our best efforts we could not score again, the game ending 17-6, in Williams' favor. For Hamilton, Captain Sherman played a fine defensive game. Bramley and Sicard were towers of

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