## Chess at Syracuse.

Last Saturday the tournament between the chess teams of Hamilton College and Syracuse University was played at the University Club, in Syracuse. The final result was a tie, each team scoring four games.

Scripture won the toss and chose white at first and third boards. The players were: Hamilton-First board, Landers, (captain); second, Richardson; third, Owens; fourth, Driscoll. Syracuse -First board, Scripture, (captain); second, Rader; third, Snyder; fourth, Page.

Two games were played at each board, giving each player one attack and one defense.

In the first round, Landers played the French defense against Scripture, and won after a long, hard game. Richardson played the queen's gambit and won against Rader after four hours' close play. In the middle of the game he won a pawn and kept that advantage for a win. Owens tried a center counter gambit against Snyder. The advantage shifted both ways, but resulted in a drawn game. Driscoll showed good nerve by coming round after being too sick to dance the night before. In his first game he played the Muzio gambit, and lost to Page.
In the second round Landers played the queen's gambit and lost to Scripture. Richardson played the French defense and held Rader for a draw. Owens lost to Snyder who played French defense. Driscoll played against the Ruy Lopez. In the early part of the game Page was two pawns ahead, then Driscoll broke his attack and won the exchange. From this on he stole pieces till Page resigned.
The team wishes to acknowledge its indebtedness to Messrs. Frank T. and Charles E. Watson who have given them first-class coaching.

It was the first intercollegiate tournament for the team and they made a good showing. Syracuse is a place remarkable for good chess playing.

## Central N. Y. Alumni Banquet.

The sixth annual banquet of the Central N. Y. Alumni Association was held at Arcanum Temple in Utica last Monday night. There were eighty-nine present, and they were a merry company. Caterer Stockhauser served the banquet, and Paddon's orchestra played excellently during the evening. The Utica Press of last Tuesday morning reported the affair in full through four columns. George E. Dunham '79 was toastmaster, and to him is due much of the success of the banquet from the standpoint of spirit and dispatch. Hon. A. B. Weaver '5I made the speech of the evening. It was a regular K. P., and a winner, too. Other speakers were Hon. R. C. Briggs '73, Dr. E. W. Lyttle '78, Hon. Edwin Bayless '62, Prof. F. H. Wood, E. J. Wager 85, and Elihu Root, jr., for the class of 'o3. The following officers were elected: President, Hon. A. B. Weaver '5I; secretary, J. H. Merwin '99; treasurer, Joseph Rudd 'go; vice-president and chairman of the executive committee, Geo. E. Dunham '79; executive committee, Hon. F. M. Calder '72, C. H. Searle '69, R. C. Briggs '73, Spencer Kellogg '88, W. C. McAdam '77, and H. J. Cookinham, jr., 96.

## The Football Schedule.

Below is the football schedule for next fall as finally settled. Without doubt it is one of the best Hamilton has ever arranged.
Sep. 26, Cortland Normal, at Clinton.
Oct. 1, St. Lawrence, at Clinton.
Oct. 7, Columbia, at New York.
Oct. 17, Trinity, at Clinton.
Oct. 24, Rochester, at Rochester.
Oct. 3I, Hobart, at Clinton.
Nov. 4, Williams, at Williamstown.
Nov. 7, Union, at Schenectady.
Nov. 14, Colgate, at Hamilton.
Nov. 21, Amherst, at Clinton.
-It looks now as though a new Chemical Lab. would be no idle fancy.

## According to Precedent.

That the juniors won the inter-class debate is well-known now; but even as old news the way they did it will stand a little exploiting. In the first place, they were evidently better prepared; and this is natural since they had more time. Then, too, the question, "Mormonism is a menace," was interpreted by the juniors in a way that gave them great odds, and, yet, in a way that could not be successfully questioned. The evidence brought by the juniors was more voluminous and exact than that brought to bear by their opponents. In short, the juniors had the better side of the question and they took advantage of every chance. It is only the general opinion expressed, when it is said that Blakely made the best appearance for the seniors and that Sisson and Toll divided honors for the juniors. So far as pleasing appearance was concerned, Carr had everybody beaten and he had some good arguments, too. Root was good. His well controlled sense of humor ingratiates him easily and his peroration was stirring and brilliant, but far from the sort of argument that would convince such judges as Professors Shepard, Fitch and Wood.

Now to begin the beginning and glance over the whole affair. About one hundred students were at the exercise. There should have been not less than one hundred seventy-five. It is a great mistake to stay away from such meetings. They are worth whole years of loafing in Utica, playing pool at the Wirth House, reading a novel in your room, or calling on the very nicest girl. Every fellow in college ought to have been at the debate last night. Why, all else aside, the singing at the end was worth the trouble of attending. Prof. Squires presided, and the speakers in order of appearance were: AffirmativeSisson, Toll, Carr and M. White, of the junior class; negative-Allbright, Grant, Blakely and Root, of the senior class.

In contending that Mormonism is a menace, the juniors showed that the religion is unscrupulous, and with a record that portends evil; that its teachings are opposed to those of Christianity, on which the United States government is founded; that the doctrines of polygamy and a church-state are still taught and that Mormonism is growing rapidly. The affirmative made good all these points excepting the last, and by their definition of "menace" the last point was not necessary. They contended that a "menace" must contain only such principles as are highly dangerous if persisted in, but that the power to make these principles a menace need not be a present one so long as the present power is great enough to add continually to the present threat. On this ground the debaters parted company. The negative contended that the term "menace" means a huge threat, a forboding of great evil and has in it the idea of near futurity. With this premise the seniors showed that Mormonism is not a "menace," because it has eliminated from itself the doctrines of polygamy and theocracy; that it is weakening in its central government because the younger Mormons are becoming educated and resent priest rule; that it is not increasing in proportion to the population of the United States; that the isolation necessary to a theocratic and polygamous people is lacking in Utah and that for economic reasons the Mormon community plan must fail. The argument about the growth of the Mormon Church being less than that of the rest of the nation, was unanswerable and was the best point the negative made.

While the judges were "deciding" the college sang "Carrissima," "By the Light of the Moon," "Cheer, Boys, Cheer!" and "Ramble." And while the judges are keeping us waiting, let's criticise ourselves. Don't you think it is poor judgment to have a question containing a term over which there is so much quibbling? The term "menace" ought to have been defined. Do you know the words of "Cheer, Boys, Cheer"? If, so, you didn't sing them very distinctly last night. When the college gets together don't you think we all ought to sit down stairs where we can yell and sing in "bunches?" It would be a lot better in sound. 'Don't you think-but never mind now, here's the committee, and Prof. Fitch says "the affirmative wins." That's we,--the juniors. Well, that was a pretty fair decission.

You see I'm a junior.

## Interscholastic Day.

At the Advisory Board meeting held Friday night, it was decided to have an informal banquet on the evening of the day when the interscholastic speaking contest and track meet is held here. This is a step in the right direction and one which we must all support. It is planned to have presentation speeches when the medals are given out and perbaps to call upon some of the members of the visiting team. No better way could be found to entertain possible sub-freshmen for that evening, since it will both give the fellows in college a chance to examine the visitors, and give the visitors a chance to see what the College is like. It would be best if we could obtain the Commons for this purpose, but since that is in all probability impossible, the Gym. is the next best place. Each crowd on the Hill is to select a man to be its representative and these eight men will form a committee to have charge of all arrangements.

## A Few Facts.

AN ANSWER TO "A KNOCK ON THE BOOKSTORE."
I. Students change their electives during vacations, so that a larger number may take a given subject than was expected, or a smaller number.
2. Men use text-books together in many subjects.
3. Allyn \& Bacon, D. C. Heath \& Co., Henry Holts \& Co., and some others will not take books back.
4. Publishers are sometimes out of books, as in the case of Hall's "Calculus," and Walker's "Age of Tennyson."
5. "Not a book was on hand, or is yet,
for the term work, and they were not ordered by the end of last week." This is true, for the reason that some publishers are not willing to break a set of two volumes, when only a small portion of one of the volumes would be used. So the professor was considerate enough of the student's expenses to negotiate with the publishers in regard to this; but for this he apparently does not receive due thanks.
6. A book listed at $\$ 1.75$, is sold for $\$ \mathrm{I} .50$; list $\$ \mathrm{r} .50$, is sold for $\$ \mathrm{I} .30$; list 75 cents is sold for 60 cents. It is true that some publishers do not give sufficient percentage off list, to pay expenses on them, where only a few are ordered.

Manager of College Book Store.

## Hamilton vs. Rome High School

The game with Rome High School was chiefly interesting as an exhibition of the material of which the team will be composed this year. The playing was of no high grade by either team and distinctly poor by Rome. The High School players showed lack of practice, inexperience and general stage fright, and though Hamilton outclassed them throughout, there were times when her playing was ragged to say the least.
There is a strong foundation of veteran material and a host of new candidates for the team this year, which promises to be one of the best we ever boasted, before the season closes. We have a veteran infield and a strong outfield with plenty of men crowding close upon the regulars. The new pitchers and catchers are an especially valuable addition to the squad. It is, however, a hard blow to be dep rived of our coach at this time, when his services would be particularly helpful. The line-up of the two teams follows: Hamilton (I8).

Rome (I).
Pitcher.
Haven, (Durkee).
Scripture.
Bramley.
Catcher.

Judd, (Purdy).
Ist Base.

Easton.
2nd Base.
3rd Base.
Hunter, (LeMunyan). unyan).
Shortstop.
Peet, (Spedick). Right Field.
Ferris, (Stryker, Ehret). Center Field.

McFarland.
Riker.
Halstead.
Flanagan.
Wilson.
O'Donnell. Center Field.
Farrell, (Bennett). Gaines, (Harring ton) Left Field.
Stiles, (Crumb).
Ely.
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Umpire, Duncan; struck out-By Haven, 5 ; Durkee, 2 ; Scripture, 7 ; base on balls-Off Scripture, 7 ; home run, Peet.

## Y. M. C. A. Conference at Harvard

The annual Y. M. C. A. conference of the eastern colleges was held April 16-19, at Harvard. Forty-four colleges were represented. W. P. Soper '04, represented Hamilton. The purpose of the conference is to give instruction to the new presidents of the Y. M. C. A's. There were three meetings held each day at which topics of interest were discussed at length. Thursday evening after the meeting, the Harvard Y. M. C. A. gave a reception to the convention. Altogether the conference was very pleasant and instructive.

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STAFF OF LIFE.
Editorial :


In connection with the debate of last night there have sprung up many questions for emphatic discussion. Read carefully the report of that debate, and think whether you are directly concerned in some of its suggestions.

We wish to thank the association of Central New York alumni for their kindness in inviting the seniors to celebrate with them last Monday night.

## MORE OF IT!

After Prof. Root's talk at the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday, one of the fellows said: "It's too bad we don't hear more from 'Square.'" And it was another, a senior, who remarked that he wished be could hear such a talk as that every week till he was thirty. We wish Dr. Root would favor the Coilege more often. And could not the Y. M. C. A. make itself more helpful to the fellows by bringing before them more talks so interesting and practical?

## THE PLUNGE.

If the "powers that be" would only step into the Gym. any day in the week and at any time this term, they would see strange things. The fellows are using the plunge now as it was intended to be, and experiencing the resulting pleasures. Such universal enjoyment of this place has been unknown during the past three years, Nor could men use it. The temperature was kept so low that only polar bears could have endured it. Now things are different. The required course in swimming for the freshmen has proved a blessing in disguise for the whole College. It is to be hoped that either the swimming course will be continued, or that orders will be issued to continue the present humane temperature.

## WORTH WHILE.

It was decided in the last Advisory Board, that on the occasion of the coming Interscholastic Track Meet, to be held here May gth, something out of our ordinary custom should be done for the entertainment of the visiting athletes. This should appeal to the whole College and should be under its supervision, in order that all might feel a personal interest in it. With this idea in mind a committee was appointed, one man from each society, to look after the entertaining. This committee should come at once to an appreciation of what their duty is. Let them think up something original, something that will interest and please the visitors and send them away with a good feeling, and a leaning also toward Hamilton. No better chance could be had for turning some sub-freshmen this way. The idea of a gathering in the Gym. in the evening, where the prizes would be awarded and light refreshments be served, has been brought forward and will probably be acted on. Of course this will cost, but what of it? Who would not be willing to go down into his pocket to make this a big success? It seems too bad that we could not have the Hall of Commons for the evening, seeing that the tables and chairs are already in place, but we could not stand $\$ 50$ for room rent, and the trustees would probably not be willing to have the room used at this early date. It would certainly leave an excellent impression with the visitors to see that building of which we ourselves are well proud.

Anyway, let's do the best we can under the circumstances. Committee, get to work and set your brains to working.

## The Interscholastic.

Two weeks from today occurs our annual interscolastic speaking contest and track meet. This year about seventy or eighty visitors are expected, many more than heretofore. These men must be looked after and entertained. It is the duty of every man in College to do his share. Extensive preparations are being planned by the committee in charge to ensure every one a good time. This should be our aim. If the sub-freshmen will only come, the College can take care of the rest.
-The Advisory Board voted to play Amherst in football next fall on Nov. 21.

## Wanted!

A HAMILTON MARCHING SONG.
We very often feel the lack of a stirring Hamilton marching song, one with which we can celebrate our athletic victories; one that will make our blood flow faster; one that will be an inspiration to victory.

We have "Cheer Boys, Cheer," and "We are the Stuff," but they are not stirring enough; nor are they filled with good old Hamilton spirit that should pervade such a song. We ought to have such a song and it does not seem out of the realm of possibility for some undergraduate either to write one himself, or to use his influence to have one written. It is a need we feel constantly, and the man who supplies it with a good. song, will be a benefactor of his college.

## Tennis.

It is three years since there has been any organized activity in tennis. That year we had a college tournament, and a very successful one. Since then there has been an ever increasing sentiment in favor of another, and this spring the management wants to make the tennis department more than a butt for bad puns.

There are enough good players in this College to make an interesting series of matches that will pass the warm spring afternoons most acceptably. The first tournament was an experiment, but it drew the whole college to the courts as the close of the match drew near. And this year's tournament will be successful if everyone will help. Everyman who can swing a racket ought to go in. The more entries the merrier the sport will be. Forty men at the least ought to enter the tournament. If the standard showed by our best men is high enough in the judgment of the College to warrant such an action, we can try conclusions with Colgate or Union or some other nearby institution. College sentiment has called for a college tournament, and the management asks the hearty cooperation of the students.

LAMBERT 03.
-An effort is being made to form an intercollegiate chess league to consist of Syracuse, Rochester, Amherst and Hamilton. Such an organization is very desirable.

## The Orpheum．

The bill of comedy and music at the Orpheum this week has pleased large audiences at every performance and none of the regular patrons can afford to miss it．The management has ar－ ranged for a sacred concert to be given Sunday evening by the Hungarian Boys＇ Band which will be on the bill next week．The band contains thirty young men and all musicians of ability so that their appearance will be a treat to music lovers．At the head of the bill for next week is one of the strongest acts that has ever appeared at the Orpheum， Wilfred Clarke \＆Company，four of the best comedians in vaudeville．For the first three days they will present Mr． Clarke＇s own sketch，＂In the Biograph，＂ and during the latter part of the week will put on the equally successful， ＂Nothing But Trouble．＂In the com－ pany are Miss Theo Carew，Miss Lu－ cille Spinney and Clement Hopkins． Supporting these two great numbers will be some unusually strong features． Colby \＆Way will appear as the ven－ triloquist and the dancing doll in which they have made a big hit this season， and Billy Johnson，the noted song－writer， will sing some of his latest efforts in ad－ dition to giving his funny monologue． With them will be the Cole－DeLosse Duo，sure－fire comedians，Mr．and Mrs． Swickard，comedy vocalists，Reed \＆ Shaw，athletic marmels，and on the Or－ pheoscope，the latest comedy views．
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Trains arrive at Clinton from Utica, 8:30 a. m., 12:40 p. m., 5:24 p. m., 11:50 p. m. From Rome, 8:20 a. m., 5:10 p. m. From South, 7:50 a. m., 11:20 a. m. 8:40 p. m., 6:25 p. m.

## College Notes.

-Mail schedule! Marvellous !
-Williams is to have a new chapel.
-Sicard 'o6, has returned to College.
-Junior week at Colgate has just passed.
-Will there be a senior banquet this spring?

- O, if knocking upon the weather could do any good!
-Stuart '94, was on the Hill Monday, visiting his brother.
-"Prex." will not be on the hill tomorrow or Monday.
-The sophomores had their first debate last Wednesday.
-"Bill Shep" asks Ferris 'o6, to pronounce traderideratrala.
-"A Knock on the Book Store"-no response.-Yes, now he's stirring!
-The tennis manager has plans on foot for a college tournament this spring.
- Everyone out for senior-junior debate Friday night. No man ought to miss it.
-Wright '05, recently returned from a protracted visit with relatives in Amsterdam.
-Ira W'. Henderson 'oo, preached at both services of Westminster Church, Utica, last Sunday.
-"Prex" recommends singing lessons for Dickinson '05, in order to overcome the rasping tone of his voice.
-The track team will have to work hard to win the intercollegiate pennant this year; but it must be done.
-The "Strollers Association" under the leadership of "Bugs," had its first outing last Wednesday afternoon.
-Child '05, in debate: "Do you suppose the Methodists would sit still and see the Mormons practice polygamy?"
-Somebody kindly ask "Pills" to boost the barometer up. Track and baseball are in need of warm weather.
-Would that we had some professors in the college who would give some popular lectures supplementary to their courses.
-A number of sophs were locked in Commons this week and almost were prevented hearing one of "Bib's" dramatic readings.
-Did you ever contemplate the number of declamations which Hamilton requires each year? Little mystery that we sometimes hear old ones.
-A game of baseball was to have been played with a picked team from Clinton, Wednesday afternoon, but the Clinton team failed to appear.
-In the list of "notables" at the banquet held Monday night, appeared the name of Burgess. A little early to be numbered among the faculty.
-The Alumni banquet of the Central New York Association held in Utica, Monday night, was well attended by the Alumni and by several members of 'o3. -Burgess, Becker, Durkee, Harper, Huff, Hunter, Lomber, Miller, Peet, Perry, Root, Tate and Youker represented '03 at the alumni banquet in Utica.
-"Square" Root gave one of his usual interesting and inspiring talks in Silliman Hall last Sunday, A crowd is always sure when "Square" is announced to speak.
-The marriage of Campbell Ezra Hodges ex-03, took place in Utica last Wednesday night. Hodges is the first member of 1903 to embark on the sea of matrimony.
-The interscholastic speaking and athletic contest will take place on Saturday, May 9. An effort should be made to make this the best affair of the kind we have ever given.
-"Uncle John's" swimming class is fast approaching perfection and it is hoped that there will not be any delinquents. Air bags have been furnished to those learning, in order to buoy them up. These are not, however, life preservers.
-The junior, sophomore and freshman lists of men eligible for prize "stab" have been posted in the chapel. The freshman trial comes next Wednesday and the sophomore trial the following week. The juniors will not be required to make any preliminary appearance.
-The Clark Prize appointees are Allbright, Blakely, Burgess, Lambert, Mills, and Root. They are the selection from about three times that number, so we may expect a good, sharp contest.
-Seats for the DeReszke-Nordica Metropolitan Opera House Concert, must be reserved in advance. Wisewell '04, is authorized to secure them. Ten per cent. off on those taken before May Ist.
-The Syracuse-Hamilton chess meet held at Syracuse last Saturday, resulted in a draw. The meet lasted twelve hours. At the end of the morning session the score stuod $21 / 2$ to $1 / 2$ in favor of Hamilton. In the afternoon, however, Syracuse was successful in tying the score. The men who represented Hamilton were Landers 'o3, Owens 'o3, Richardson '05, and Driscoll 'o6.
-There are a large number of clubs at Hamilton, but most of them are good and have a worthy purpose. The writer wishes to suggest that a gun club be formed. There are many fellows in college who do more or less hunting and they would undoubtedly be glad to have a club. There is plenty of open country around here where a range could be obtained and traps set up; the expense would be little and the enjoyment large. What do you think about it ?


## As to "Mortar Boards."

It was suggested some time ago that the present junior class institute the practice of wearing the "mortar board" caps, beginning with fall term of senior year. Such a practice would doubtless make the senior conscious of his importance and of the discomfort of the "mortar boards," to which he had so long looked forward. If it is difficult to keep them on the head now in these gentle spring breezes, think of the "chasing" that would have to be done in the gales of fall. How well 'o3 like to wear their caps can be judged by the fact that one never sees more than three a day. How much would they be worn if they came into use in the fall? And if they by chance should be worn to any extent, a man would have the pleasure of buying two or three hats to last him through until graduation. As it is now, the seniors begin to wear caps and gowns considerably earlier than any of the other colleges. It is a question worth discussing as to whether or not this pleasurable infliction should be any longer protracted.

## The Hamiltonian.

In a couple of weeks the Hamiltonian will be out. The Board of Editors has been making every effort for two terms to get out a book that will be a credit to the College and to their class. They have tried to give a portrayal in word and picture of our college life on the Hill, and have employed every means in their power to make the book one that shall be both of value in its sphere to the College, and at the same time be a book the class of 1904 will treasure as a remembrance of happy college and class history.

The Board has tried its level best to get out a book that will appeal also as an inducement to parents to send their sons to Hamilton. The work of editing the book is nearly finished and now it rests with the college to show its appreciation of their efforts and sacrifice by subscribing liberally for the book. It is the aim of the Hamiltonian to gather together the incidents of our life, athletic, social and scholastic, into a book, and as such it is of value to every one of us. It is edited for the college, the alumni, our friends and parents, and for prospective Hamilton men.

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