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New York State Colleges.

It is a lamentable fact that the colleges of New York state are in almost constant warfare. We do not mean by this that each has a quarrel with every other one, but that all have difficulties with some college situated within the state. Even the largest universities are sparring over alleged grievances. Columbia and Cornell are "out of sorts" as well as Syracuse and Cornell. Colgate has but recently resumed relations with Syracuse after a long break, and Syracuse, Hamilton and Colgate have a grievance against Union College.

We say that this condition exists and we lament that the Empire State colleges are separated by such dissensions. The cause of all the trouble, so far as actually known to outsiders, seems to have arisen over violations of the so-called "honor code", which all colleges are bound to recognize. The exact definition of this term has never been given, but it is supposed to "cover a multitude of sins". Different colleges have different standards and these vary as the peculiar characteristics of the individual colleges vary.

Unless we mistake woefully, and we stand corrected if we mistake, the whole foundation of this condition of "scrappiness" dates back to some charge of ill-treatment of a visiting team, or to the still more serious charge of professionalism. Both of these charges have been well substantiated in more than one instance. The troubles with this and that college have been harrowed up so many times and pictured in such despicable painting, that to deviate from the former precedent of the college in keeping up a continual fight with those with whom any particular college has had a grievance, has been regarded almost in the light of a traitorous performance, and so the strained relations continue to exist. This has made it exceedingly difficult for any one college to sift matters carefully, and to refute any blame

whatever to itself. Each believes that the other is in need of a moral lesson, and so the story runs.

What is the trouble? Our judgment bids us halt, for we realize that we are treading on perilous ground when we enter the field of speculation. Nevertheless, it is our purpose to advance some ideas which appear to put the matter on higher planes than "snobbishness," and to urge that the Empire State colleges enter into the broad field of introspection, and then, by comparison weed out the thorny and stunted growth of narrow policy and immerse into the arena of intercollegiate good fellowship.

What are the common grounds upon which these colleges meet? Athletics entirely, for intercollegiate debating has not yet received a prominent foothold in New York. The point we urge is more concession. If there be professionalism cut it out and stand on the high moral plans in athletics. If there be unfair practices wipe them off the slated arrangements and while giving fair play, insist upon such from the other party. By such action no one can justly accuse any of becoming suddenly virtuous or desirous of covering up past sins, but the estimation of each college so doing will advance in the opinion of every other.

The most lamentable fact is that college men who should and properly do stand as the embodiment of higher education, have been and are the ones who live in constant conflict. Our interests are common, our nation, our state, our purposes are the same, and why harrow them by petty and inconsistent jealousies which mar the whole fabric of the higher reason of mankind. College men above all other should be those who are able to use reason and to arrive at a conclusion which common sense and broad morals would sanction. We can imagine that orations are being prepared and spoken in every college, on the greatness and breadth of international law. But do their authors ever

hesitate and realize that they are sending as big a thrust at their own college, as at the nations of the world? Intercollegiate relations are those of war, while those which exist between nations should be peaceful and quiet. A remarkable inconsistency, but none the less true, and the common tie is still broken. The last year has disclosed many evidences of a steady growth of sympathy between each of the state colleges, and we hope that the time will not be far distant, when hatchets shall be buried and the colleges "will learn to war no more".

Coach Johnson.

Johnson, Yale, '02, needs no introduction to Hamilton College. He won universal esteem last year, for his efficient and creditable assistance to our baseball squad. We are proud to welcome him back again this year not alone because we recognize in him a good coach, but because he is a gentleman and thoroughly understands our ways. The announcement that his services had been secured was sufficient for each candidate to realize that fair play was the order and that the relations between coach and team would be pleasant, agreeable and instructive.

Johnson has a good knowledge of men. He is educated in practical affairs and can judge human nature well. He takes the position of one who comes to assist and not to arbitrarily command. His team respects him and the college applauds his work. His popularity is his best recommend and the college is fortunate to have him here. So here's to Johnson, coach, gentleman and good fellow.

A Fantasy.

A freshman fond and fearfully flunking;
A faculty firm and ferocious,
Faded fancies of fame and of fortune;
"No flowers" at the funeral function.

—*Aliguis, '01.*

The Discipline Committee.

The discipline committee emerging from its closeted star-chamber session has once more done on some deeds and in other cases on its dreams executive function.

It is not the purpose of any commentator to decry the existence and the proper use of such prerogatives as are the attributes of this dread sovereign. We all yield that there is both occasion and jurisdiction for such a corps of censors on volitional overt acts which transgress the common customary rules of conduct, which are understood to be enacted. The cause for one exception to and protest against the decisions wreaked upon so-called offenders, is, that to even a casual student of this rule, the application seems permissive, capricious, and even partial. Of course some defenders of such a creed of justice might interpose the contention that liberality of construction would inure to the benefit of the arraigned. Even that plea might promise something, were it not for the instances we see of its perversion and the confessed discretion of which it allows. Discretion ever makes its darlings and its outlaws. On another side of the consideration it is a usual maxim in law, whether of law or school, that any statute which reads against an act to make it punishable, should draw a strict interpretation. First we have few such decrees and them not codified. What we have, we have not, for we're not in touch with them nor are they staid. All decisions are based on wayward obiter dicta and the strained perusal of some fued in culprit or prejudice in judge. It might be contended that these inadequacies admit of no corrective agent. But we except to that with those capital letters.

Even amid such poise and counterpoise of precedent and form, there should be regnant an attempt at equity. But we can but fail to see where the inflicted penalties are equitable. Some man for one offense against this sensitive body is disallowed his whole term cuts. Another man for a similar offense is deprived of but one, or a few in some specified field. Others have had imposed upon them extra hours, and some men whose deeds against the law and whose crimes of omission and commission have been flagrant, have had their crimes full-blown and flush, watered and tended tenderly, to say naught of being connived at. Such beams seem not to

hunt the trail of policy with any surety or sincerity. Such exercises of a chartered authority but makes a justice a good carcass. Such a stream must needs be shallow and be deep. Some ford the brook and their acts are brooked with an evident pleasure. Others no more than moisten the toe therein and they are made to mire. It would seem to us that such a system needed the scourging and the dredging which would have no fords and have a settled consistent scheme of tolls and passports. We want not to think that those who have attained a grade monopolize the clemency of this tribunal. It often has a face that seems to say that those sins which are invested in a gold of some sort of a favor, are shielded and immune against its lance of justice, but that the rags of scholarship it fills before and by a very straw.

The Man Who Does Things.

Every institution wants him. He is not looking for positions, positions are looking for him. He does not complain, he acts. He accomplishes results and these accomplished results speak more loudly in his favor than acres of subsidized newspapers. What the world wants, what the world rewards, is the man who does things. Discouragement and failure are meaningless nothings to him, results are substantial things for which he strives and attains. There is a settled air of assured success in his manner and movements. There is no trouble in selecting him from a crowd. He can be picked out just as unerringly as his opposite, who abides with discouragement and failure. Hope and success are pleasanter companions than discouragement and failure, and they leave a more attractive imprint on the countenance. Men who can do things in industrial, commercial or financial life are as scarce as their opposites are plentiful.

The tree of opportunity, heavy with golden fruit, is ever waiting for the man who does things. Opportunities are not scarce, they are plentiful, more plentiful than ever before since history was written. They await the poor boy who does things without looking at the clock. People who are always looking at the clock never amount to much in anything. Men who do things never consult the time to see if they can stop, they know that "time is made for slaves," not for virile men who enthusiastically

do things. Employes who frequently consult the clock will always be employes, with no hope of rising.

The man who does things may in his absorption forget his meals or his bed, but his opposite will be ever ready ahead of time for both or either.

Concentration of thought and absorption in inflexible purpose mark the man who does things. Looseness of thought and scattering of purpose mark the man who does not do things. The public soon knows the one from the other, and accord him the recognition he deserves.

The man who does things is always at a premium, his services never go begging, he is ever welcome, success attends his footsteps, and failure stands aloof from him.

Face to the Front.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
The saddest are these, 'It might have been.'"

He's a coward in truth, not a manly man,

Whose efforts flag under such a ban.

A warrior true and a hero is he

Who ringingly answers, "It yet shall be."

Regrets are useless, repinings are vain;
He is doubly a fool who repeats the refrain,

"It might have been." A strong man will say,

As he presses the conflict, "It yet shall be."

Then bury the past, with its struggles and scars,

As veterans who have fought, yet long for more wars,

Let us buckle our armor; our foes will all flee

As we charge with the war cry, "It yet shall be."

Play the part of a man with vigor and will,

'Tis regrets that are poignant, 'tis repinings that kill.

Cast regrets to the rear, from repinings be free,

Battle bravely, and surely "It yet will be."

— Wallace Campbell, '86.

Commencement Speakers.

The Commencement speakers for 1902 are as follows: Bishop, Campbell, Frear, Harwood, Miller, Minor, Payne, Reeve, Warren and Webster.

College Spirit.

Nothing aids a college as much as wild enthusiasm and college spirit. We want here just that kind of enthusiasm for everything connected with the college, foot-ball, track, and everything else. It should be and shall be Hamilton first, last and all the time. Now there are other ways a fellow can show his college spirit. Cheer the men at practice by your presence. Just the presence of an interested and loyal bunch of men will give the fellows more to work for. There is nothing like appreciation for sore heads and lame backs. Show the teams you will do all in your power to aid them. Just make it one of your duties to help them for all you are worth. It is worth your while. This is a good year to push things as hard as possible.

Heretofore we have been unseen and unheard, now we come out of the unknown into the known, and we must do it with a yell and a bang. We must make ourselves heard and felt. We can do it. We will do it. Only it will be easier if you fellows aid the different teams with enthusiasm as well as money.

As soon as every one wakes up to this fact and puts it into practice, we will have such teams that the earth will quake when we come marching and cheering. The boom of our dear old college is just begun, and it lies with you fellows to the greatest extent whether it shall go on and on until we are a rousing old college, or whether it shall flash, fizzle and go out. Think of the chance every one of you has. Why, you fellows ought to quiver and shake with joy at the chance of singing its praises. Yes, sing so the whole world can hear.

You should realize what a responsible position all are in. How its destiny lies in your hands. How it is in your power to do a great game of boom or not. If you flunk at the crucial point, in after life you will feel such regret at not being among those who built up the only college in the land—one that is so popular that it turns men away. That view may seem rather visionary, but mark you, that time is not far distant, and it will be here sooner if every one of you get up and yell at the top of your lungs for dear old Hamilton as the only place for you and yours.

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IT IS our opinion that the college as a whole has suffered a material decline in spirit for the last few weeks. The reason for it is by no means concealed; it is evident even to an indifferent observer. The sudden and unexpected attitude of the discipline committee in taking away all cuts in cases of men, one of whom had never taken more than one unexcused absence from gymnasium, is enough to cause any man's spirit to wane, especially if the cut was taken through mistake. The discipline committee has always taken the stand that depriving men of cuts is but a method of compelling a regular attendance in recitation so that the delinquent could maintain a higher standard of scholarship. They have argued that if men failed in examination it was an announcement that they needed bracing up in their studies, and for that reason cuts were denied until the examination was satisfactorily passed. But in many of the instances of cuts taken away for this term there seems to have been a new, arbitrary and repulsive rule established. What particular connection can there be between a man's studies and the taking of a single gymnasium cut? By what rule of equity is a man deprived of privileged absences in all subjects because he has proved deficient in one or has overcut one hour in any department. Because a man fails in Latin, is it any reason to suppose that he is unable to maintain a proper standing in his other subjects? These and similar rules have caused men to leave this college and both last and this year have furnished us examples of what such manifest violations of equity can do in bringing the discipline committee, and incidentally, faculty dignity, into con-

tempt. These columns have argued many times for closer relations between faculty and student. We had every reason to believe that there was growing up a universal good feeling between professor and student, but these recent announcements of such unexampled severity have been sufficient to bring many strained relationships. This is a case where the faculty has simply stretched its own neck.

And now as to this loss in spirit. We cannot approve of it, of course, though we deeply sympathize with those who have suffered. Nevertheless all should remember that college is something more than the rules of a committee of five, and that spirit in student matters must still be kept up in that same old wide-awake style that has always characterized this place. We haven't heard a college yell for a long time; class yells are infrequent; a large crowd gathers on Steuben Field every afternoon but no yells come from that quarter. So let's shake up the atmosphere about the place. The rigors of winter ought not to be sufficient to cause a lethargy to linger even into spring term. Campus singing would furnish pleasant variations and we can find a thousand ways to feel pleasant. Let's whoop 'er up for Hamilton and whoop 'er up again, with a Rah! Rah! Rah! Hamilton!

THE action of the college body in voting to join an athletic union with Colgate, Hobart and Rochester has met with favorable comment. It has its manifest advantages; the argument that it gives too little freedom in arranging games with larger colleges seemed to fade away to a mere shadow. The more important games will still continue to be the main aim of the athletic teams, yet the four-sided arrangement into a union will still furnish much interest and speculation.

The fact that Hamilton has entered into this athletic relationship does not mean that we are to confine ourselves merely to games with colleges in the union. With these our relationship is but slightly changed, inasmuch as these have figured in our schedules heretofore.

We believe that college sentiment manifested its reason in this case. The union is large enough for the present and other colleges should not be admitted except after mature deliberation. Several recommendations should be brought to the attention of the league

at once. We refer to those which accompanied an article in these columns during the latter part of last term. We trust that their justice and necessity will be felt by the colleges representing the union and their spirit observed accordingly.

JUST at this point in the year almost every one of us is seized with an unquerable feeling of laziness. We groan at even a short lesson and we say we're tired. Out of doors is the beautiful spring sunshine, the balmy spring air, and the budding trees. The birds that are beginning to return are calling to us; the trees are beckoning, and the sunshine entices us. How in the world can we be expected to study? The spring feeling is in our bones and we undeniably shirk most awfully. We hurry through Latin, we skim over wee bit of Greek—and leave the rest. Sometimes that rest is done in the evening, sometimes when we have enough energy to get up a little earlier, it is done in the morning, and—sometimes it is not done at all. Ah, "pity 'tis, 'tis true!" What direful results are bred by "that tired feeling" which assails us every spring! Do we not hang our heads in shame when we realize to what we have come? Our reputation goes down, not a few degrees, but below zero; our marks go down with a bump! Everyone of us gets discouraged and then it is hard to start in and plug for exams. Does it pay to give in and indulge in idleness? But how can we help it?—*Ex.*

THERE seems to be a tendency on the part of some professors to consume the whole time between chapel and ten o'clock in holding the morning recitation. We are opposed to this, not because of lack of interest or manifest laziness, but because it is a sure injury to health. This morning hour, above all others, should provide for a short recess between the first and second recitation periods, and we believe that the injury incurred in causing men to sit through three or four hours without intermission, is capable of ruining the most robust in health. One hour makes a long recitation, and ten or fifteen minutes' vacation in the morning, is almost an absolute necessity.

DURING fall and winter terms reference and reserved books were drawn from the library and kept for an indefi-

nite time. Some of these books were thus monopolized for weeks. Especially was this so with the reserved books in American History and some of the reports were necessarily left unwritten because of failure to secure the reference books. This difficulty has been recognized and an attempt to remedy it made, but the remedy is too radical and stringent. They have gone to the other extreme. At present no reserved books can be drawn. This is an inconvenience to a majority of the men and especially to those trying for the athletic teams. With the morning hours for the most part taken up by recitations and preparation for the same, and afternoons by recitations and track and baseball work, little or no time is left during library hours for the writing of reports. These reports have been written heretofore chiefly during the evening, when there is generally more time to devote to such work. Now there seems to be no valid reason why these books should not be drawn for those periods during which the library is closed, and with the proper care and application of the rules regarding such books, the difficulty of excessive detention would be eliminated or reduced to a minimum. We know that this can be done, because it has been done, and until this year comparatively little trouble was experienced. Neither extreme is satisfactory and it would require not much extra energy and care to return to the happy medium, which formerly proved quite effective. A strict enforcement of the former library rules is all that is asked and required.

Spring Poem.

The bubbling blood
 In a gurgling flood,
 Bounds through the young man's veins.
 A grateful gleam,
 In the pristine beam,
 Of the spring-morn sunlight reigns.
 The rain drops drip,
 From the branches tip,
 On the cur-dog down below.
 The soft mud clings,
 In circling rings,
 To the shoe's enameled toe.
 I love the spring,
 But a single thing,
 To happiness adds woe.
 My lonely dime,
 And the d—n short time,
 And the money that I owe.

(Composed in the spring.)
 —H. R. B.

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College Notes.

—Post, '05, has left college.

—The Glee and Mandolin Clubs are scheduled for Rome on April 25.

—Bets are now in order as to how long the snow banks are going to stay.

—"Prex's" barn is about finished and he intends to move in during the coming week.

—Allbright and Maxwell, '03, have been appointed chapel markers for the coming year.

—The boycott has been declared off on the hall of commons, and work is once more begun.

—"Chauncey" says that the class in Italian didn't recite, because the section boss didn't come up.

—Frear, '02, is seriously ill. His unfortunate illness just at this time is universally regretted.

—Anyone desiring a handy travelling dictionary may find a good edition by applying to Carr, '04.

—"Stink" entertained the chemistry class last Saturday evening. A pleasant time was the verdict.

—The botany class has begun to take its airing in the country, under the kind supervision of Prof. Morrill.

—After much questioning and debate, Allbright, '03, has decided to mark Mills, '03, "tardy" in morning chapel.

—The tennis management is out for funds. They say we are to have a college tournament and one with Colgate.

—Everyone was glad to see "Schnitzie" back again for the opening of the term.

—It is reported that there were 55 "dinks" from the last exams. A large part of these were made up in good shape.

—"Pop" Clark has performed an act of charity to himself and the college by removing his superannuated beard. Yours next, Scoville.

—The musical clubs have commenced practicing on a new (?) repertoire, in preparation for a concert at Rome at the end of this month.

—The tennis courts are now in condition for use. There will be a tournament played later in the term, open to all members of the college.

—The annual Barrett-Browning entertainment at Houghton was given on last Friday evening. Hamilton was well represented and reported a good play.

—Miller, '03, quoting some alleged authority: "If I need a man even though it be for nothing more than to plow, I'd get a college man *because he'd use his head.*"

—A new soda fountain and ice cream parlor has been opened in Clinton by the Kirkland Mineral Spring Co. A very tasty store has been opened for the purpose.

—Professor Shepard has been ill for a few days and was unable to meet his classes at the opening of the term. We are glad to know that he is better and able to meet his classes again.

—The baseball team have been out every day during the term. Johnston, Yale's coach, is here to spend two weeks in helping our team. Let everyone get out and give baseball a big support.

—Sophomores named for prize speaking trial: are D. Dowling, Knox, Lown, Minor, Remington, Smith, Ehret and Strickland. The freshmen named, include, Edgerton, France, Harwood, Kingsley, MacIntyre, Merrick, Speh and Stowell.

—The candidates for the track outside of those who made up last year's team are: '03—Landers, Morris, Courtenay, Hoffman; '04—Dowling, Knox, Wicks; '05—Edgerton, Day, Loftis, Mann, Speh, Weber, Bosworth. In baseball: '02—Church, Lewis, Minor; '03—Foreman, Morris, Perry, Arthur, Courtenay, Croft; '04—Bastian, Knox, Soper, Carr, Ehret, Strickland; '05—Crumb, Farey, Hallman, Hand, Hayes, Kingsley, MacIntyre, Merrick, Robinson, Schwab, Stiles, Stowell, Weber.

A Suggestion.

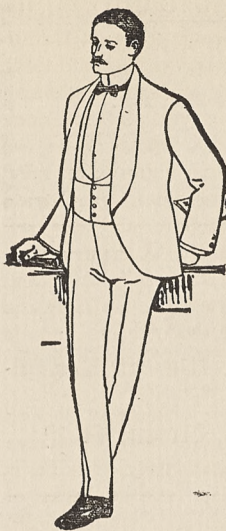
One of the greatest pleasures, aside from the beauties of nature, which the advent of spring brings to us at Hamilton, is the flock of visitors who find their way here, beginning with the first warm days and continuing until winter once again comes round. Set aside as we are from the general highway of men, the sight of these friends of the outside world relieve the monotony of our own limited sphere. This year the new trolley line connecting Clinton with Utica, we have looked forward to as a means of bringing us still more of our outside friends, and it will doubtless do so provided we show our hospitality aright.

The most common sense way, as well as the only gentlemanly way, to receive these guests, whoever they may be, is with all the courtesy and kindness of which we are capable. Nothing could be a better advertisement for Hamilton through a goodly radius of neighboring country, than the impressions which these many visitors carry away with them. We cannot know how far influence extends and it is not well for us to be the cause of a single misconception of what this college contains and of what it is.

Of late the custom of "heads out" at the first suggestion of any of the fair sex on the campus, has developed into a very serious practice which will tend to become worse and worse the longer it is indulged in. Many of us are familiar with the instance of this same nature, which doubtless lost to this college a large endowment from the hands of one who had ever been our friends, and who only changed from that relation by the treatment he once received when visiting the hill with a party of ladies. Such a thing might not happen again in years, but it is well to be on our guard and to remove the possibility. Let us put an end to this carelessness now, before we become the cause of lowering Hamilton's reputation in the world outside.

Baseball Schedule.

The baseball schedule is as follows: April 16, Seniors vs. Juniors, April 19, Sophomores vs. Freshmen, on Steuben Field; April 23, Utica League, at Utica; April 26, Auburn Theological Seminary, May 6, Rochester University, May 10, championship, May 14, Colgate University, on Steuben Field; May 17, Rochester University, at Rochester; May 24, Middlebury College, on Steuben Field; May 30, Colgate University, at Hamilton; June 7, West Point, at West Point.



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