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Faculty Accessions.

Several accessions have been made to the college faculty. Prof. Arthur Percy Saunders will fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Prof. Higbee in the department of Chemistry. Prof. Saunders was graduated from Toronto University, class of '90, and has received the degree of Ph. D. from Johns Hopkins University. He was for two years, '97 and '98, assistant professor of Chemistry in the University of Wisconsin, and was a fellow in Chemistry last year at Cornell. Prof. Saunders has the best wishes of the entire student body for a successful and happy career at Hamilton.

Prof. Henry M. Andrews, '99, will be assistant in Latin and Greek.

Prof. Henry White, '98, has charge of the department of Rhetoric and Elocution. Prof. White was a representative on both Clark Prize oratorical and McKinney Prize debating contests, and while in college was considered an excellent speaker and fine writer, and an admirable and manly man. For the past two years Prof. White has been engaged in Y. M. C. A. work in New York and Pennsylvania.

William Ross Lee, '00, will be his assistant. Mr. Lee has the exceptional honor of winning both Clark Prize and McKinney Prize contests. He also took during senior year first prizes in the Kirkland Oratorical and Soper Thesis contests. Mr. Lee captured prizes also in all the rhetorical contests of his first three years of college, won the Latin Scholarship and was salutatorian of his class. Few men have gone thru Hamilton with so brilliant a career.

John T. Crossley will be instructor in gymnasium work. "Uncle" John is altogether too well known to need introduction and too generally loved at

Hamilton to require any praise here. For qualifications successfully to fill his place, for knowledge of all the necessary facts and details of his office, and for the rare ability to "get on" with the fellows and make friends of all, and hold them, it were foolish to seek and impossible to find a better man. Here's hoping, Uncle John, that our relations may be as pleasant as they are and have been in the past.

Coach Rymer.

At the end of last season it was generally conceded that the man who should be engaged as football coach for 1900 would have a difficult task in filling Sweetland's place. Sweetland had so firmly established himself in the hearts of the team and of the college that the severity of his methods and the short-comings of that style of play he taught were largely overlooked, and he occupied the proud position of our idol and ideal. Consequently, when it was announced authoritatively that R. W. Rymer, of Wesleyan, had been engaged by the management, the greatest interest and curiosity was felt with regard to the man himself and to his skill and methods. We knew that he had played four years at Wesleyan, had been elected captain of the team his senior year, and that, by reason of his having been severely injured and prevented from playing, he had, alone and unaided, coached his team to a successful season. These were qualifications enough, certainly; but still there was no abatement of our interest.

The event, we do not hesitate to say, ought to be highly gratifying to Mr. Rymer. He has undertaken his duties without affectation or diffidence, and with a confidence and a consideration that have won him the respect

and affection of every member of the team. He represents the highest type of gentleman and college man. He can be disciplinarian, good fellow and genial companion, all in one. His knowledge of football, theory and detail, is of a very superior order, and under his instruction the team is learning strictly up-to-date football. The tactics he has introduced are sensible and effective. Rymer's ideas are above all extremely practical; he doesn't believe in impossible or useless massing of men, nor does he hold to hide-bound rules for offense and defense; but he allows all proper latitude to players, individually or in pairs, evidently recognizing the fact that two men playing next to each other can understand each other's game and formulate their own plans for offense and defense.

Another commendable feature of Rymer's coaching is that he doesn't believe in work, pure and simple, as a panacea. Of course, there is so much work to be done every day; but there is a difference between effective and sufficient work and work that is nothing but work, aimless and superfluous. And Rymer, who has evidently been a student himself, recognizes that men in this college have other things beside football to attend to; and consequently he does not impose needless practice and labor upon the squad. This is a lesson that the coach of a Hamilton team must learn, and it is gratifying that Mr. Rymer has begun so well. The team is in good hands this fall, and our coach merits the sympathy and confidence of every one of us.

"What is raised mostly in damp climates?" asked the teacher.

"Umbrellas," replied Tommy.

Athletic Department.

N. L. DRUMMOND, Editor.

Football.

The five o'clock train of September tenth brought into Clinton the first section of the football squad. Captain Stowell, Redmond, Keogh, the Drummond brothers, Church, Naylor, DeVotie, Wills, 1904, Ward, Heyl, 1904, and Brandt, 1904, were already on the spot, and reported on the field Tuesday morning. Manager Speh and his capable assistant, Collins, met the crowd at the train and announced that Caterer White had not yet completed all arrangements for the training table; so, after some delay, it was arranged that the men board at the Deke House until the training table should be ready to accommodate them. After supper Bob Kelsey and Ben Moore came into the house and organized a jollification meeting, during the progress of which Coach Rymer, just arrived on the belated train from the south, broke in upon the gathering. He was received with a rousing welcome. The old songs were sung, the latest ditties and parodies were rendered by Hank Keogh, and after an hour or two of wit and jollity the crowd dispersed, ready for business on the morrow.

In the next few days the work was elementary, designed to get the men limbered up and accustomed to the ball and to the field. Every day saw additions to the squad. Mangan, Reeve, Slaughter, Gilbert, Blakely, the two Macs, and Dunn rolled in at various times during the week, and by Saturday most of the 'varsity team were in daily practice and rapidly becoming seasoned. Not until Friday was an attempt made to compose a team and to have signal practice. The work previous thereto consisted in passing and falling on the ball, light tackling, running down the field on punts and exercise for the line men and for the backs in the duties of their respective positions. On Friday afternoon Coach Rymer made up a 'varsity team as follows: N. Drummond, left end; R. Drummond, left tackle; Wills, 1904, left guard; Gilbert, centre;

Ward, right guard; Stowell, right tackle; Redmond, right end; McLaughlin, quarter; Keogh, right half-back; Dunn, full-back; Naylor, left half-back. Thus constituted the team ran through the signals with a vim and dash that promised well for its future work. Rymer altered the formation of interference around the ends and changed the old position of the backs on straight bucks, with the best of results, as succeeding practice has shown. On Saturday afternoon no practice was held.

With Monday and the return of many of the students and the advent of numerous freshmen, the candidates for positions became more numerous. The 'varsity indulged in daily practice games with the scrub and showed up well. The team play is fast and snappy, the interference is almost perfect, and the work of the line men, under Coach Rymer's skilful direction, is the best we have seen yet on Steuben Field. Rymer has simplified the duties of the guards and tackles and made their work more effective, showing a thorough understanding of the practical needs and possibilities of line men's play.

Two games had been scheduled with Utica Academy for September 19 and September 22, but Utica cancelled both these. Instead, therefore, of these games, the 'varsity played the scrub; and, although the individual and team play of the scrub, who are being coached and assisted by Stryker and the senior McLaughlin, was excellent, it could accomplish nothing against the speed of the 'varsity offense and the fierceness of its defense. Everything goes to indicate a superior team this fall.

Gilbert, we regret to state, will be unable to play in all the games, owing to the conflict between football and his duties as instructor in the Wheeler Preparatory School down town; but Blakely is showing up well at the position. LIFE takes this occasion of expressing its admiration for this man Blakely. He came to college knowing nothing of athletics, but by an eager desire and willingness to learn and by hard and consistent plugging, he has educated himself to a high de-

gree of proficiency in every branch to which he has applied himself. He has shown in everything that "spirit" that we so admire and that we are so eager to recognize.

The heart of every Hamilton man will be gladdened to know that Jesse Millham is able to return this year to his old position of quarter back. With Jesse and Tommie to hold down this position we need fear no mistakes in generalship or in play.

Of the promising freshmen that have donned football togs this fall, Wills has made such a good showing that he will probably be continued in the position of left guard, vacated by Sheppard, '00. He is an experienced player, weighs over 200 pounds, and is powerful and active. Strickland and Steel are two as speedy and plucky little backs as we have seen in a good while, and their fierce tackling is a pretty sight. Unfortunately Steel had his leg injured several days ago, and is much handicapped at present by this hurt. Heyl is a good all-round man, but as yet he has failed to develop any star qualities.

Captain Stowell is engaged now in selecting the regular substitutes. Church bids fair to be substitute right tackle. He is playing a fine game. The indispensable DeVotie is showing that he is at home either at tackle or at full-back. The regular backs will undoubtedly be Millham, Keogh, Dunn and the invincible Dave Peet. Their substitutes and alternates will be McLaughlin, Mangan, DeVotie, Naylor, Strickland and Steel. Goss Stryker deserves a chance to play this year, too. He has worked hard and faithfully, and his ability is of no mean order.

Captain Stowell has shown this fall the same energy, ability and consideration that so marked his fitness for the position last season. In our opinion, his management of the team is admirable, and should need no urging to secure the support and backing of the college. We shall refer to the coach in another place.

All things, then, point to a successful season for the football team of 1900. Six seniors play on the team

this year. They may be depended upon to play the game of their lives; but the college should recognize the fact that their departure leaves a big hole in the team, and that now is the time to make our reputation in the football world. Every man must take hold.

Football Schedule.

- Sept. 29, Clarkson Institute of Technology at Clinton.
- Oct. 6, Wyoming Seminary at Clinton.
- Oct. 10, Vermont University at Burlington.
- Oct. 15, Hobart at Clinton.
- Oct. 20, Williams at Albany.
- Oct. 27, Colgate at Clinton.
- Nov. 3, Trinity at Clinton.
- Nov. 10, West Point at West Point.
- Nov. 17, Middlebury at Clinton.
- Nov. 21, Rutgers at New Brunswick.
- Nov. 24, N. Y. University at New York.
- Nov. 29, Rochester at Rochester.

To 1904.

LIFE extends a cordial welcome to the members of the Class of 1904 as they enter upon their new life as college men. You have before you the happiest and the most important four years of your lives. Make the most of them. Become real, active college men immediately, so that there will be no time wasted out of the years which from your point of view seem so long, but judged by a senior pass so swiftly. Support all college organizations both by attendance and subscription. Learn the college yell and use it on the athletic field to the best of your ability.

There are customs, peculiar to every college. Learn those of Hamilton which have been handed down by tradition and have been treasured and practiced by former classes. Never fail to salute respectfully every member of the faculty, and to speak to every college man you meet, especially upperclassmen, whether or not they respond. There are no strangers in Hamilton. Conduct yourselves for the next four years in such a way that you will be forever an honor to your Alma Mater.

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LIFE starts upon its third college year secure in the knowledge that it has fulfilled satisfactorily the purpose and ideas of its founders. We have had many difficulties to overcome, many things to learn; but we feel that we have done well thus far. For the future we are hopeful and confident. On the basis that our aim is to publish a thoroughly college paper, containing accounts of everything that passes contemporary interest for the present undergraduate body and for the younger alumni, we ask that the college give us the same support as they have during the past year. Our policy will be practically unchanged; but any additions or alterations thereto that may seem good and advisable we shall not hesitate to introduce. We have at heart the good of Hamilton and everything that pertains to Hamilton, and whatever seems likely to advance her interests we shall continue to urge and approve.

LIFE wishes to express its admiration for the manly and sensible way in which Prof. White began his work as conductor of the noon rhetoricals. Any student who can, after that appeal of courtesy and comradeship, throw any obstacles in the way of orderly and proper management of the noon chapel exercise, has no manhood in him. Prof. White announced himself as in no way opposed to frank and honest criticism of an appearance, and in every way showed a good sense and moderation that should win for him the sympathy and support of every loyal Hamilton man.

LIFE has always stood for the perpetuation of worthy college customs. But we agree most heartily with Prof. White in that this senseless and unreasonable "shaking up" of a man on the chapel rostrum must cease. As he says, honest criticism can do no harm: it does good; and we should regret much to live under a condition of affairs in which our rhetoricals had degenerated into tame, listless exercises. The spirit of criticism must be kept alive; our men must be able to discriminate between good and bad speaking; and the repression of any desire to manifest disapproval or unwillingness to be imposed upon is sure to work injury to the student. As it is now, any speaker who faces that college audience, faces a crowd of experts in oratorical criticism; and it were a pity should this state of things cease. But in order that the dignity of the department may not be assailed, that the exercise may be a source of profit to speakers and listeners, we must take care to observe a proper decorum during the exercise and to emphasize our criticisms by judgment in the application thereof.

As college opens this fall and the men of 1901 assume the dignity of seniors, they feel upon them already the chill of the "cold, cold world." With "1900" gone and only one short college year between them and the unknown, they discern from afar the loneliness which will overtake them at the next opening of college. Altho few in numbers they have been leaders in every phase of college life for three years. As they come back this fall clad in dignity, and feeling their responsibility, look for unusual stir and activity in student affairs.

LIFE congratulates the college upon the apparent quality of the present freshman class. They look like good men. We hope that they will start right in and make things hum, that they will show individually and collectively that "spirit" which makes college men and college classes admired and respected. It isn't a hard lesson to learn, if you only begin right.

It has been a source of disappointment to captain and manager that the college has not thus far shown more interest and enthusiasm in the football practice. Of course, the excitement of an important game has not yet been present to attract a crowd of any size, but it does seem that more men might come out to watch the practice games. We are sick of making this same old cry, week after week, year in and year out; but this sad condition of things exists, and we protest against it. The team ought to feel that the college are watching every play and every man every single day: they would play better ball, with better spirit. Let us see if we can't get a crowd out every night to whoop things up for Hamilton's team.

We feel called upon once more to remind the faculty that the work of fall term is especially hard on the football men. We dislike to advocate anything like class privilege; but it should be borne in mind that these men who get out every day to support their college on the football field are making no ordinary sacrifice. These sacrifices call for some consideration at the hands of those who are the head of that unity whose honor and glory these devoted men are striving to maintain and advance.

THERE has gone forth an edict that the football squad are not to hang up their clothes in the new dressing room. There may be an object to this, but we fail to see it. It merely subjects the men to an inconvenience that is worse than useless; for it robs them of a large amount of time, and all their time is precious. During the football season the football team should have precedence in the use and occupation of the dressing room. What is the room for, anyway?

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F. E. PAYNE, P. M.

College Notes.

—Sweet's lip has produced a scrubby sort of growth.

—A certain freshman inquires as to what a term bill is.

—Soper makes a sprint from North College, followed by several savage Sophomores.

—W. H. Smith and Merwin, '99, left this week to continue the study of law at Columbia.

—Humeston, '99, Steiner and Weston, '00, have entered Auburn Theological Seminary.

—Reed, '02, has left college to begin the study of law in the office of Merrill & White at Lowville.

—Any number of freshmen may be seen on the steps of South at every hour. Why do they remain dry?

—Several freshmen were involuntarily arrayed in war paint upon the evening prior to the opening of college.

—Lonsdale attempts his usual fluent "spiel" in Ethics and comes to grief. Marvin and Bartholomew are doing special work in that line.

—The class of '01 mourns the loss of Henry H. Hull, class wit and satirist, incidentally a history shark, logician and future prize debater.

—"Dick" DeVotie is supremely happy. He has become a sophomore and may look down upon the freshmen with the same genuine contempt which he felt for himself last year.

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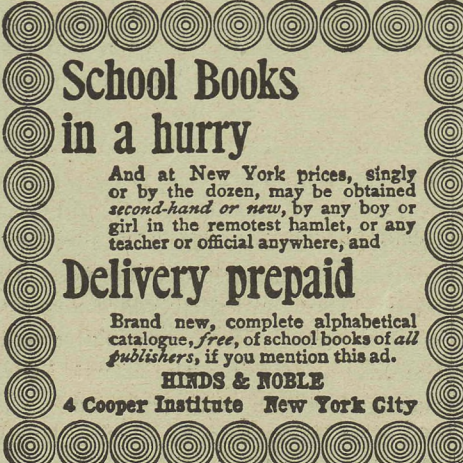
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—Jenks, Seiter and Simon, '02; have left college temporarily.

—'Uncle John' has taken up his abode in the Gym. and is ready to begin a thoro course of work with the underclassmen. Judging from his experience with the track team we have reason to suppose that gym. work will be of more practical benefit than heretofore.

—The following are some of the alumni who have visited the hill during the past week: Noble, Briggs, and Butler, '98; Chrestensen, Humes-ton and Merwin, '99; Bacon, Baker, Bird, Clark, Fisher, Holbrook, Miller, R. H. Sheppard, Steiner, Vanammee, Waddell, and Weston, '00.

The Rows.

EVER since it was rumored abroad that the members of the class of 1904 would number upwards of 65 men, the college body had been looking forward to an opening row which would be far superior in every way to those of the years immediately previous. Of course we desire to give the two under-classes the satisfaction of knowing that in this our expectations were in nowise disappointed. All the predictions made concerning the body of new arrivals with respect to numbers and other qualities were, we are happy to say, satisfactorily fulfilled.

On the morning of the opening of the term the back seats of the chapel were almost filled, a condition of affairs unprecedented thus far since the remodelling of the interior of the building. After the usual service the college left the chapel: upperclassmen with a feeling of expectant anticipation, sophomores with a realizing sense of their responsibility and of the demand to be made upon them; while the freshmen, as was natural, hesitated in fear and trembling before setting foot on the first step. Thro the efforts of the upperclassmen the freshmen were organized in some fashion or other, and then amid the jeering clamor issuing from the throats of eager sophomores they went forth to meet their fate. The time honored custom of upperclassmen overlordship was

well attended to, and despite the fact that many a freshman assaulted one of his own class, yet they made an excellent showing and are deserving of our commendation. After the receipt of the proper number of gory noses and strained muscles the rough-and-tumble feature of the row was declared off. The object of contention and around which centered the chief interest was the fountain with its sullied waters, for the convenient presence of which on the campus we are indebted to the class of '98, and which, by the way, has proven a legacy of priceless value. At times the aforesaid fountain assumed the appearance of a spring puddle, where sportive toads and frogs give one another chase.

After the immersion and saturation of several members of each class, the sophomores and freshmen were ordered to select men to represent their respective classes in the wrestling matches. Of these, in the heavy weight contest, Scovel, the legacy of 1902 to her successor, acquitted himself right manfully, and after the exertion of considerable muscular energy and expenditure of breath, he succeeded in flopping his antagonist upon his back. In the middle weight, Courtney of the sophomore and Dowling of the freshmen contingent battled for the honor of their classes. Owing to the rending of various and sundry sophomoric garments this match was declared off; and Capes for the Sophs. with Sherman for the freshmen continued the bout. In the opinion of some, the freshman should have been awarded the decision, but owing partly to the inattention of those in authority and partly to the wiriness of Capes the match was given to the representative of 1903. Davis of the freshman class and Stuart of the sophomores were pitted against each other in the tall man's match, and tho the poise assumed by Davis was most beautiful and picturesque, the more practical Stuart easily annihilated the distance between the back of Davis and the verdant carpet of mother earth. Perry and White were the next to step into the arena. This, the light weight match, proved to be the most interesting of all the bouts. Perry was taken at a disadvantage

from the start owing to the persistence with which the slippery freshman clasped the grass and refused to stand upon his feet. Perry, however, persevered and finally succeeded in conquering his opponent. This practically ended the wrestling and the races were called out.

The men of avoirdupois were first to test their speed. As soon as the respective classes were lined up each on its side of the walk, Blakely stepped out to try conclusions with the freshman Ehret. Blakely was diverted from a rectilinear path to a greater degree than his adversary, by reason of the flying wads of grass and other particles of vegetable growth. He consequently ended his career in the ditch while his rival cantered gaily on to victory. Carmer won the pigmy race in the second heat. Youker and Davis ran the lengthy man's race, the latter winning. The next feature of the general row consisted in a tug-o'-war. In the first trial all the men from each class were allowed to lend their strength to the rope, but as many of the judges considered the defeat of the sophomores due to their inferiority in numbers, it was decided that each class should make a choice of ten men to represent them in another pull. The superior weight and strength of the freshmen team brought them victory for which they were indebted in no unconsiderable degree to the presence of Wills and Ehret. This was the last feature of the row for that day. Each class gave its slogan with a zest and spirit after which the upperclassmen held a conclave and decided to respect the time honored traditions of old Hamilton and to continue the custom of protection.

As a result of this decision the upperclassmen for the few succeeding days were afforded the delectation of having trembling freshmen clinging to their skirts of influence and authority, and incidentally of seeing on various occasions some over-confident or unsuspecting freshmen pursued by a band of predatory sophomores, who by fits and starts gave spirited chase.

Several members of 1904, perhaps because of overweening innocence, were consequently captured by the

sophomores militant and these prisoners were compelled to purchase articles of diet and luxury that the appetite of their captors therefor might be appeased.

No freshman was so unfortunate as to be "swiped" during the time when protection was off, and the college was once more disappointed in not being able to have a "gym-show". Thus progressed the first scenes of the college year, which augurs well for the class of 1904, as far as its relations with the class above them are concerned.

John T. Crossley.

Our new physical director has been connected with athletics all his life. He has been an athletic and gymnastic instructor of Columbia Athletic Club, of Washington, D. C., one of the best known athletic clubs in America, and which had one of the best equipped gymnasiums in the United States, its members including the prominent officials in public office and also foreign embassies. Previous to being with Columbia Athletic Club he spent 11 years with P. T. Barnum's circus, where he gave athletic exhibitions of tumbling, leaping over elephants, and running horse in hippodrome. He has been the fastest runner and one of the best all-round athletes in America, and has given exhibitions all over Europe during winter seasons. On his last trip he spent three years performing in London and larger cities of England, Antwerp, Brussels, Hamburg, Berlin, Breslau, Leipzig, Buda Pesth, Vienna, Paris and Madrid. From that trip he came back and took up physical culture. He gave lessons to Sir Julian Pauncefote, Gen. Hiscock, and others. All his exhibitions have been on the stage. He has been coach of track team here for two years; and during this time records were broken in many events and many new men brot out. The gymnasium has been much improved in the past few weeks, and for the first time it is in first-class shape. Many things have been added and the Gym. will prove an important part of the Hamilton curriculum. "Uncle John" has rooms on the first floor of

the Gym. He has the hearty support of both students and faculty. Here's good luck to you, "uncle."

A. P. Saunders.

Born at London, Ontario, in 1869. Graduated from Toronto University, 1890. A. B., Ph. D. from Johns Hopkins in 1894. Held a Fellowship while there. Taught in Madison at the University of Wisconsin, 1894-6. Then went abroad. One year in Göttingen, and one in Berlin, at those universities. Returned to take a research position in McGill University at Montreal. From there as Honorary Fellow to Cornell last year. Has published articles on various branches of chemistry, in the *American Chemical Journal* and the *Journal of Physical Chemistry*, as well as in English and German journals.

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An' a-glidin', an' a-glidin',
As upon our bikes a-ridin',
Yehs, a-ridin', both a-ridin'!
We jes' give deh cops de sack,
When thuh win' is at our back!
O stop dat a-pushin' dar behine!
CHORUS.—To the tune of the notes in the border.
O stop dat pushin' dar behine!
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