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## Advisory Board Meeting.

Through some oversight, no mention was made in last week's paper of the annual meeting of the advisory board of the N. Y. I. A. A., held in Utica on October 5th. Business kept the board at work from two to five. Upon recommendations from the athletic committee, the board awarded the penants of base ball and track to Colgate. The matter of the next annual track meet was settled by giving the meet to Hobart, provided they shall desire it. In the absence of Mr. Dunham, the treasurer, Dr. Squires read the treasurer's report. It showed the total receipts from the meet in Utica of May 30th last to be \$797.83. The report was turned over to the auditing committee. It was then moved that \$600 of the money on hand be divided equally among the three colleges which competed at Utica—Colgate, Rochester, Hamilton. Hobart's representative protested the division, claiming that all proceeds from meets must be divided equally among all members of the league. He showed that last year Hobart had received her share from the Rochester meet although not represented by a team. The motion was carried under protest. The whole matter of division of funds is to be brought before the judicial committee, consisting of Dr. Squires, for final settlement. The colleges are to forward to Dr. Squires their arguments for or against the present system.

The nominating committee presented its slate, which was accepted without alteration. The officers as elected are as follows: President, Dr. Leighton, Hobart; vice president, F. S. Macomber, Rochester; secretary, R. R. Wicks, Hamilton (until new representative is elected from college); treasurer, to be appointed from Colgate alumni; finance committee, Dr. W. H. Squires, Hamilton, Dr. Leighton, Hobart, H. W. Shedd, Rochester; judicial committee, Dr. W. H. Squires.

It was unanimously voted by the board to extend an invitation to Union, asking her to re-enter the N. Y. I. A. A. That invitation has been sent and an answer is now awaited from Union.

Announcement has just come from Hobart saying that she waives her claim to the annual intercollegiate track meet. It was Hobart's turn this year, but owing to the erection of buildings and enlargement of the athletic field, the running track has been demolished, thus making it impossible to do anything with track athletics. Colgate will assume the management of the meet. Instead of being at Hamilton, however, Utica Park will again be hired and the event will take place there on Decoration Day. The large profits of last year's meet make it probable that Utica will be the permanent place of this annual event.

## 1905 Hamiltonian Board.

From its first edition, the Hamiltonian has been published by the Greek letter fraternities. It was not a class publication, nor a college annual, nor was the board responsible either to class or college body. It was a board of editors appointed by the previous board and by the separate fraternities, and from them derived its powers and to them alone owed responsibility.

This fall when the 1904 Board retired, it submitted names of candidates to constitute the next Board, one from each society on the Hill, to the junior class for approval. Last Wednesday by ballot 1905 accepted the men submitted. They are Schwab, Root, Abbey, Wright, Hayes, Kingsley, Rogers and Springstead. The Hamiltonian is thus made a class book, supported by the junior class and edited as the official annual of the college. The members of each succeeding Board will be nominated by the retiring Board and approved by the junior class. The reason for the change is to secure closer co-operation in improving the standard of Hamiltonians.

## The Fall Meet.

For once the weather prophet gave us an almost perfect day for the fall field meet. The atmosphere was very favorable for both performers and spectators though a rather crisp breeze blew from the south, aiding the runners in the dashes and hurdles. The meet was generally conceded to the freshmen as none of the football men were allowed to compete, which fact robbed the sophomores of their most certain point winners. The 1906 men, however, sprang a number of dark horses that swept the board to the tune of 69 2-3 to 42 1-3.

A number of promising men made their debut, both classes contributing their quota. In the 100, MacDonald, '06, and Clark, '06, made good time, though the latter strained himself in the trial heat. Miller, '06, and Grossmeyer, '07, were most evident in the long runs, winning the mile and half-mile respectively, in fair time. McLean, '06, proved a surprise in the two-mile and won well-merited applause. In the hurdles, MacDonald and Purdy swept the field for the sophomores. Driscoll, '06, and Bagg, '07, won the broad and high jumps rather easily from the field and are both promising men. The performances in the weight events were much below par although closely contested.

Throughout the meet class spirit ran high; both classes encouraged their athletes in first-rate shape. The track was in fair shape on the straightaway but alternately hard and soft on the oval. The meet was run off by the management in very short order. Summary:

100 yards dash—1st heat, Clark, '06, first; Miller, '07, second; time 10 4-5 sec. 2nd heat, MacDonald, '06, first; Clark, '07, second; time 10 4-5 sec. Final, MacDonald, '06, first; Miller, '07, second; Clark, '07, third; time 10 4-5 sec.

220-yards dash—McDonald, '06, first; Clark, '07, second; Meaker, '07, third; time 23 4-5 sec.

440-yards dash—Day, '07, first; DeWitt, '06, second; Maynard, '06, third; time 1 min.

Half-mile run—Grossmeyer, '07, first;



Spedick, '06, second; Melrose, '06, third; time 2 min. 22 sec.

One mile run—Miller, '06, first; Grossmeyer, '07, second; Warburton, '06, third; time 5 min. 27 sec.

Two-mile run—MacLean, '06, first; Havens, '06, second; Tripp, '07, third; time 12 min. 5 sec.

120-yards hurdle—MacDonald, '06, first; Miller, '07, second; Purdy, '06, third; time 10 4-5 sec.

220-yards hurdle—MacDonald, '06, first; Purdy, '06, second; Clark, '07, third; time 33 sec.

Broad jump—Driscoll, '06, first; Miller, '07, second; Clark, '07, third; distance 18 ft. 4 in.

High jump—Bagg, '07, first; Clark, '07, second; Driscoll, '06, DeWitt, '06, Tripp, '07, third; height 4 ft. 11 in.

Pole vault—MacDonald, '06, and Driscoll, '06, first; Day, '07, third; height 8 ft. 6 in.

Shot put—Sicard, '06, first; Schwartz, '07, second; French, '06, third; distance 27 ft. 2 1-2 in.

Hammer throw—Schwartz, '07, first; French, '06, second; Bloyer, '06, third; distance 60 ft. 8 in.

Discus throw—French, '06, first; Edie, '06, second; Heacock, '06, third; distance 81 ft. 3 in.

### Mislaid Books.

At just this time of the year, when the American History students are digging musty volumes in the library for material on their reports, this question arises. Where are some of the catalogued books? It's a mighty unpleasant thing to find on the cards just the reference book you desire but not be able to locate the volume on the shelves. This is the trouble with too many of our college library books. When the librarian is appealed to he can offer no consolation or information. The book should be there. The difficulty is just here. Many books are taken from the shelves without the knowledge of the librarian. Such books when they have served their immediate purpose are laid aside and forgotten. The student gets no warning from the library that his book is overdue because the College has no record of its departure. The longer a man has such a volume the less likely is he to return it. Now such carelessness is not intentional. The men do not desire to keep the books, but forget them and have them in their possession. There are many such volumes around college now. Every man should carefully look over his library to see that he is not an offender. If one of these stray books should be found let him return it at once. We can each do this much to help fill out the spaces on the library shelves.

### Misrepresentation.

Hamilton men have been sorry to see that certain New York papers have published articles in their columns about the roughness of our players last week at Columbia. Still we can not help wondering why our men should "pick on" the players of the Columbia team who averaged at least twenty pounds heavier to the man. It would seem foolish to attempt rough play against such opponents unless those opponents started the rough work. We must expect lots of rough, hard play in football and this is all legitimate, but dirty work Hamilton students will not countenance. The games on the campus this year have been quite free from that kind of playing. Our athletics are entirely free from professionalism and we want them also clean.

### A Baseball Cage.

While the building feeling is in the air and the spirit is strong for innovations it will do no harm to speak of a scheme which, though visionary and impossible at present, may in the near future yield some results. The juniors have started the idea of getting movable bleachers for the athletic field, and hand in hand with this improvement would be a baseball cage. There would be nothing elaborate about such a structure and its cost would be small. We have great need of a cage, for every spring our team is sadly handicapped by bad weather and a wet field. If we had some place where candidates could get indoor practice in throwing and batting during the winter term, they would be in far better shape when the opening of the season came. At present the second floor of the gymnasium is used, but this is almost useless on account of the low ceiling and the posts which occupy the center of the room. Every college which can possibly afford this necessity has such a building and we could use one to advantage. Of course, the expense would be too heavy for any one class. But the next two graduating classes might subscribe toward such an end instead of giving some separate gift to the College. There might be some difficulty in finding a place for this building, but a good location could probably be found where no prospective buildings are to be erected. Perhaps this is the solution of our baseball hard luck. If it is the remedy it is a simple one.

### Work For Some Poet.

We need some more college songs. We are poverty stricken in this line and have the old, old songs, that have been sung for the past ten years. Now it is time for us to enlarge our repertoire. It is the football variety that we are most in need of. Is not there somebody here in college that has an inspiration? Some lively words to one of the popular airs of the day is what we want. Now somebody with a little poetic instinct ought to be able to make a very good foot ball song out of "Sammy." He could substitute for "Sammy" the name of a rival college, and with a few necessary changes in the words of the chorus we would have a good one. Imagine our warriors going down the field, victorious, and on the side lines the student body singing the college edition of "Sammy." Get busy some of you dreamy-eyed poets, now is the time.

### Rules for Rushing.

In the last issue of Dartmouth's weekly paper there is an interesting column on interfraternity relations. It reports the annual meeting of representatives from the twelve fraternities, for the purpose of adopting rules for "chinning season"—or as we would call it "rushing season." Every representative, "individually and for his society" promises to live up to the rules both in letter and spirit. Here is an outline of the rules adopted.

No mention of fraternity can be made by any student to a freshman before 7 a. m., October 27th. At that hour fraternities desiring any man send their representatives to him and make appointments—precedence in securing these being decided by lot. At 11 o'clock p. m. of the next day all "chinning" ceases, and by 12 of that night all candidates are requested to be in their rooms. Any pledge made before 12 of that night is considered invalid. These rules are re-adopted with any necessary changes each year.

To us this seems rather a strange proceeding, when compared with our own system. Certainly the Dartmouth plan is a great benefit to the freshmen, who are given an opportunity of becoming acquainted with all the societies and of comparing them on their merits. The claim is also that this system is for the better interests of the College, which is without doubt true.



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HAMILTON College is playing football this fall; not only the eleven stand-bys but the whole College. The scrimmages this week have been witnessed and cheered by a good crowd of men. Somebody, who said we have lost our spirit, ought to come here and see his mistake. The team is a swift one; we are proud of it and are getting prouder every day. Come out everybody, keep coming; yell, holler, sing, everything—(and pay your subscriptions.)

### WATCH FOR STRANGERS.

There is one matter which has evidently been unthought of by the College body at large, that of keeping a sharp lookout for interested strangers at football practice. Hamilton is going to have a team this year which our opponents will need to keep an eye on. To accomplish such a vigil they will send their representatives on to Steuben field to watch our practice. Now the time is coming when the team will take on the style of play to be used in the big games, and for this reason from now on secrecy must be maintained. If there appears on the field any suspicious stranger, let the coach be immediately informed of the fact. This is a duty every man can perform, and at the same time greatly help our team.

### TO ADVERTISE THE COLLEGE.

Next year when the new dormitory is completed we will want a larger freshman class. The question is how to get it. No one wants to do any cheap advertising after the manner of some colleges. But we want to present Hamilton College to sub-freshmen in a most engaging light. One way that Yale and several other large institutions have of

doing this, is to collect a number of views of their campus and buildings in a large frame and send this group to all the prep. schools in the country. Now, why would not that be a good plan for this College to try. Take pictures of the Chapel, the Hall of Language, Science, Philosophy, and perhaps the inside of the Commons with a large crowd eating. Place them in one large frame and they would make a very inviting group. If frames with such collections of views were sent to several of the schools through the state, the College would be constantly before the eyes of prospective college students. This has been found very successful by others. Why would it not help us?

### GO TO SCHENECTADY.

It is the duty of every man in College to attend the game with Union in Schenectady today. The tickets will be sold at reduced rates, so that expense will prevent no one from being present. If our team goes down there and does its best to win, it will expect that every man possible will be on the side lines to add encouragement by yelling and singing. From comparative scores it is easily seen that the contest will be close, and only the combined efforts of team and College will bring us out with a glorious victory.

Last year when we played Union on the Hill, there were about one hundred and fifty men from Schenectady who accompanied the team, and did some great work with their yells and songs. It will certainly be a disgrace if we do not have at least as many as that down there today. We want to go down, every man of us, with the idea of winning out by a large score, and when we get on the field don't stop yelling until time is called for the last half. Yell until you are hoarse, keep yelling all the time, so that our men will know that we are on the side lines, and then there is only one result that is possible, a victory for Hamilton and her team. Get up your enthusiasm, and let every man be down there.

### THE NEW CATALOG.

The catalogs new are ready for distribution and can be obtained at the Library. While this edition is not much larger than those of previous years the material is better arranged and the style far more attractive. The use of an old English type and rough paper gives it an appearance quite unusual in catalogs. On the first page is an excel-

lent picture of the new Hall of Commons showing the building as it appears from the fountain. Then there follows a list of names of the faculty and students. Next comes the description of the College which in the other catalogs usually appeared near the end. Altogether the latest production is a great improvement over anything of its kind we have seen before at Hamilton.

### The Age of the Freshman.

A census of the freshman class reveals some very interesting facts. It was impossible to get the ages of two or three, but counting these out the result is as follows: The total age is 813 years. Twenty-three men are nineteen or over. There are four under eighteen. Eight are twenty or more, but only four are voters. The average age of the class is nineteen years and something over two months. This would seem to disprove the theory that the age of the entering class of the small college is younger than that of the large university, for there are very few classes that enter any college which average much over nineteen.

### Mistake in Records.

No doubt it is a good thing to exercise the memory by various feats, but there is a limit in this as in all things. When the College records are published in the Blue Book in such a haphazard manner that five mistakes are made on one page, it is time to be more careful. In the first place, M. White, '04, has a record of 36 feet 7 1-2 inches in putting the shot. The Blue Book shaves off one-half an inch. In the jump under the bar for distance, Minor, '04, is given credit for only 9 feet, while in reality he did 9 feet 2 inches. The record for the running high kick is held by M. White, '04' and not by Knox, '04. Wicks, '04, is given the record for the high dive; he did hold it once, but Roosa, '06, now claims that honor. Stryker, '06, should be credited with 23 dips instead of 21. These mistakes are unpardonable. They are not misprints, but careless blunders. The editors evidently were trusting too much to memory and too little to memoranda. Now, the proper thing to do when records are being gathered is to go to "Uncle" John. He keeps a strict account and has the official athletic records of Hamilton College, which he is only too glad to furnish to any one desiring them.



**Golf Team Wins.**

Wednesday afternoon the golf team drove to Waterville and played the golf club of that place. The team won by a score of 16 up. "Tommy" made the best score of the day—an 81. After the match the team went to Col. Sanger's for dinner. There they were most royally entertained by Colonel and Mrs. Sanger. At a seasonable hour, after a most enjoyable evening, the start for home was made. The Hill was reached safely and the golf team's first match was over. The score follows:

T. Sherman,	12 Candee,	0
S. Sherman, Capt.	4 Salisbury,	0
H. Ferris,	0 Peck,	0
E. Root,	0 Hawkins, Capt.	5
F. Wright,	5 Terry,	0
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	21	5

**Things to Work For.**

There is nothing like starting out your course in the right way. It is well to stand high in your college work, but that cannot take all your time. Remember that we have a Literary Magazine, dependent on the student body for its support. Subscribe for it, yes, write for it. Some of you have been editors of your prep. school papers and can write, and some of you can write who have not been editors. There is an election every spring at which the best writers in the college are put on the board. Do you think that you are a good writer? Prove it to the satisfaction of the *Lit.* Board and you will be one of the Board your junior year. It's worth trying for.

The glee club will soon commence its rehearsals. Do you sing? You are not quite sure, you say? Well, just go and see Leader Carr, attend the rehearsals, try for the club and if you can't make it this year, you may next. The same may be said of the other clubs. There is nothing like trying.

THE war with the electric light company here in Clinton threatened to prove very interesting for the fraternities who use their lights. Last Tuesday night all the houses were warned that they would be without lights for at least twenty-four hours and perhaps longer. On the strength of such a warning the old lamps were pulled out and cleaned, but thanks to Judge Scripture, of Rome, they were not put in commission. His injunction assures us of light for some time to come.

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### Local Notes.

—Easton, '06, was on the Hill last week.

—The freshmen have had their first review in "math."

—The freshmen have appointed a committee on class colors.

—Masse, '07, gives exhibitions in tumbling on the football field.

—Macardell, '02, is associate editor of the Middletown Daily Argus.

—Arthur, Hunter and Burgess, of '03, have visited the Hill recently.

—The management of the musical clubs is preparing for practice.

—Bird, '00, and Briggs, '98, were visitors on the Hill during the past week.

—Ferris brought down the Wednesday chapel with his marvelous gesture.

—The freshmen showed up some good material in the meet of last Wednesday.

—Reeve, '02, is principal of the High School at Otisville for the ensuing year.

—Let all look out for sub-freshmen and mail them one of the new catalogs.

—The golf team is completing arrangements to meet Williams on November 4th.

—MacDonald, '06, did some very remarkable work at the interclass field meet.

—Webster, '07, has left college, having accepted a position in his father's store at Warsaw.

—Some of the freshmen foolishly ventured out last Wednesday evening and are now sorry.

—The indications are that a large crowd of men will attend the Union-Hamilton game.

—There are rumors of a Sophomore Hop to be held the evening before Thanksgiving.

—At the meeting of the Democratic nominating committee, Dr. Squires was nominated as assemblyman to represent this district.

—Sicard, '06, won the tennis championship by defeating Richardson, '05, last Wednesday.

—The fact that Houghton does not open this fall will be a serious blow to some of the fellows.

—Groves, of the class of '81, at present a chaplain in the U. S. Army, was on the Hill this week.

—Dowling, '04, severely sprained his ankle in practice on Tuesday. We shall miss him from the line.

—The men who have gone to the Commons to act as substitutes for football men show good spirit.

—The 'varsity has been having scrimmage practice during the week and is improving in strength and speed.

—Saturday "chapel" was on Friday at 5 o'clock to allow the college time to get to Schenectady for the Union game.

—Candidates for the choir were tried during the week with the result that 1907 is to have two representatives, Getman and Trippe.

—Upon "Hank" White's announcement that he would cut the freshman in elocution on Saturday, they gave a yell for Mr. White.

—Oren Root, jr., of the class of '04, was on the Hill last week. Mr. Root is now the manager of the Metropolitan Street Railway in New York.

—Basket-ball practice begins next week on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Let's have a large squad out and start the season in the right way.

—The sophomores had a stereopticon lecture on Thursday in Science Hall. Prof. Ebeling talked on "Athens," assisted by Dr. S. J. Saunders at the lantern.

—For the last couple of weeks after foot ball practice there have been different fellows in the gym to rub the men down. This is good work and is fully appreciated by the players.

—Many of the professors announced that they would not hold their classes today. The college appreciates this inasmuch as every man is needed at Schenectady. A team with a backing is certain to win.

### The Glee Club.

Last Thursday afternoon the Glee Club held its first rehearsal. The prospects for a first-class organization this year are very bright. It is expected that the freshman class will fill up most of the holes left by the members of 1903. Prof. Daniels, of Utica, will be engaged again this season as director. Under

his guidance Leader Carr has procured a fine line of music which is guaranteed to take all audiences by storm. Plans are being made to hold two rehearsals a week for the rest of the term. If this scheme is carried out the men should be in fine fettle by the winter season. The management will attempt to arrange for an entertainment here in Clinton, to take place some time in December. Such a goal will give the men an object to work for and tend to keep up spirit and interest. Our glee clubs of last year did well, but we must uphold and surpass their record this year. This can be done if every man will put his shoulder to the wheel and push.

### Basket-Ball.

What are we to do about basket-ball this year? After the discouraging season of last winter rumors were rife that the faculty would not give any more excuses for basket-ball trips and some opinions were expressed among the students to the effect that this year we had better have no team. These opinions are not worth considering, for everyone knows that resting on our oars now in discouragement will never help basket-ball in College, but will tend rather to destroy that branch of athletics here. However, taking everything into consideration, it would seem advisable to ease up on the schedule for this year and give basket-ball a chance to develop. We mean by that to play only teams with whom we are more evenly matched and to leave some of the larger colleges alone. No one enjoys having our team smothered by such scores as we had during the past years. There are plenty of colleges in our own state whom we could play and with good chances of success. We are not afraid of defeat, but constant defeat takes all the spirit and interest out of athletics. We need to give more attention to basket-ball, get the team at work earlier, practice harder, and train more faithfully.

### A Change Needed.

Freshman Elocution—Reading and Speaking, the book is named—is a joke to everybody who has had it, and a vexation to those who are studying it; this of the book itself, for the other work of the class commends itself to any thoughtful man. But really, can Dr. Stryker, can the faculty, or whoever is responsible for the selection of texts, know much about that book and still ask



freshmen to memorize the precepts. I don't care who wrote it. While I was studying it, and I studied it hard, it seemed an awful waste of four good hours a week; and now in looking it over, after three years, I feel strongly that it cannot be intentionally retained, but rather permitted to remain unconsciously. The actual training in speaking given in that course is excellent; but the theory of the double compact sentences that take a rising bend after a downward sweep—well, to put it mildly and calmly, is it worth the time? Of course for this year the text is determined. But I should feel better in advising a sub-freshman to enter Hamilton if I knew that he would not have to memorize such a mess of doubtful theory of more than doubtful value as is necessary in the Freshman Elocution. And the Land of Israel is another such text. Who chooses these books?

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