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Track and Baseball.

This week, thanks to the weather man, has seen the enthusiastic beginning of track and baseball work. Baseball started with a bang, at the arrival of Setley, the coach, Wednesday. Never has the College had a larger squad of men to pick from. The fact that we have our last year's 'varsity intact, and also draw from the freshman class many good men, should give Hamilton something to be proud of on the diamond the coming season.

In track also the same determination to back the coach and captain is very evident. Besides the old men, many men in college who have not raced before are trying their luck. This is the spirit that pushes things and turns out our best teams. When men with the right idea get out and work faithfully, there is no stagnation. Let every man in college help the good work along. At present with exams, so near, some of us can not spend much time on the field. But with the opening of spring term, let every man in college be on Stuben field between the hours of four and six. If you cannot take part actually at least you can be there to impress upon the workers that their labors are appreciated.

Genevans All Right!

Although it is pretty late, it would be a mistake, even at this date, to neglect to speak of the musical clubs and their appearance at Geneva. It was easily the best concert the clubs have given this year, and the audience of four hundred people was by far the most generous and appreciative that any Hamilton club has met in at least four years. Maxwell '03, and especially Springstead '05, deserve a deal of credit for the interest they had taken in the success and pleasure of the trip. Mason '00, professor in the High School, was there to welcome the fellows. Many of the Hobart men were in the audience and after

the concert complimentary yells were exchanged in truly earnest fashion. The audience could not have been more complimentary if it had been composed entirely of the families of Hamilton men. Strickland '04, made his first appearance and his French-Canadian dialect piece called for two encores. Hawley '02, never sang better, and his singing captivated the audience. Downey '05, had the people fairly convulsed during "Barbara Fritchie." Merrick '06, sang the "Yale Serenade" in good style. The concert was good throughout and encores were heartily enlisted. It is to be hoped Hamilton can get an engagement there for next season.

Freshmen Canes.

There seems to have been and may still be an erroneous impression as to the manner in which it is proper to get the freshman canes upon the Hill. The idea is not to have some neighboring farmer take the canes up the Hill, while the sophs are having an examination and cannot dispute their passage, but by outwitting the opposing class, to bring the canes to their destination. It is a little more than a confession of a deplorable lack of class prowess and spirit, to resort to any means in which there is no chance of sophomore intervention, and to get the canes by a means in which the class do not look out for their canes personally. If this old traditional practice degrades into a puerile evasion of its chance for display of class spirit and wit, it isn't worth preserving, but if its original purpose is carried out; which calls for brawn and brain, it is a tradition well worth keeping.

THERE is an abundance of material in College for an excellent Dramatic Society. Next year some steps should be taken to inaugurate such a society, which undoubtedly would prove beneficial to the college.

Are You One?

One of the most abused words in the English language is the very common one "gentleman." It is applied in almost every conceivable way from its use on such signs as "Gents' Toilet" or "Gents' Cafe," designating some place where for the most part gentlemen are not to be found, to its use in such titles as "The clever gentleman who broke the bank at Monte Carlo," and in the United States Senate, "The honorable gentleman from Delaware," who is probably farther from being a real gentleman than our Monte Carlo friend.

These various uses, or rather misuses, of this word, lead sometimes to confusion and to misunderstanding of what it really does mean. Thus sometimes through ignorance some of us are willing to let this title be applied to ourselves, when in reality in its true meaning we have no right to claim it at all. Hence for the benefit of those who would not at all be willing to voluntarily be called by a name to which they have no real claim, we will mention one or two things that a real gentleman in Hamilton College will not do.

One of the first things that suggests itself is what he will not do in the Y. M. C. A. reading room. It will be far from his thoughts to carry on a conversation when others are trying to read, or to sit in a chair in front of a paper which he has finished reading when he knows two or three other men are waiting for it. Far less will he mutilate any of the magazines or papers contained in this room, cutting or tearing out articles, especially such as are particularly interesting to all because they give an account of a Hamilton "Gym. Show" or athletic event, and by this act of wantonness on his part spoil the paper for the next fellow.

Another place where we may find out whether a man has a right to this appellation is in noon chapel. A gentleman will not sit reading his HAMILTON LIFE, or some other interesting literature, while some one is upon the platform

trying to talk to him. Even though he may not be particularly interested, yet his good manners will cause him to pay attention and perhaps he will become so. Also in this connection a true gentleman will not get up on the platform and talk to two hundred fellows without trying to have something to say which it will be worth their while to listen to.

Still again, a true gentleman in muddy weather will not walk across the grass on the campus and thus spoil the looks of our beautiful bit of Mother Earth.

We should like to go further and tell what he would or would not do in the class-room, the bath-room, in the gymnasium, in athletic contests, and in general conduct on this old College Hill, but time will not permit.

We can only hope that those who have found from what has so far been said that they have no claim to the use of this very desirable title, may be careful in these points and in others that may occur to them, so that they may not in the future blush for very shame when some one speaks of them as gentlemen.

Visitors.

Now that spring has come, and with it our usual number of Sunday visitors, it may not be out place to say a little here in regard to the manner in which we treat our visitors. Every one must realize that it is not gentlemanly or polite to call to any strangers who may appear on the campus, or to attract the attention of the fellows in the dormitory by yelling "heads out." As has been said before in these columns, a little lack of politeness toward a visitor here a few years ago, deprived the College of a considerable gift which that person had intended to give to the College. This is only an instance of what may happen, but aside from this, Hamilton men ought to be cautious and polite wherever they are and whosoever they meet. There is, however, a class of Sunday "callers" whom we do not care to have visit us, and the only way to discourage such visits is to pay no attention to the people who make them. Every fellow knows what sort of people these are who are ready to make the acquaintance of anyone who will speak to them. Such persons we do not care to have on the hill Sundays or any other day, and their presence can do the College no good. So during the rest of this term and next let every man be a little careful of his actions, but withal let him be courteous and gentlemanly.

Handball. Think About It!

An encomium for handball would perhaps be out of place in these columns, but are there not strong reasons why this game should be added to our gymnasium equipment for general athletic pleasure as well as for winter training.

The benefits to be derived from handball for the ordinary man are the body-building advantages which any athletic exercise affords, as well as the fact that the game has such a deserved popularity that once a man becomes acquainted with it, exercise becomes a pleasure. It is an open secret to those who know anything of the winter life of professional athletes that for many of them handball is a system of training in itself. For track and baseball it would condition eye, limb and wind. At present there are handball courts at Amherst, Columbia, Cornell and Yale; and the Y. M. C. A., which now lacks a court, can make no claim to a thoroughly equipped gymnasium. As an additional proof of the advantages of this game athletically, it may be said that championships are held and recognized in this game in the police and fire departments of New York and Brooklyn.

The question may here be pertinent: "So you want to use all the floor space for a game which only four can play, and interfere with basket-ball as well as Uncle John's work?" No. The proposed game is a face or one-walled game. Against the ladder erect a board wall twenty feet square. To mark the court, side boundary lines extending back into the Gym. forty feet are sufficient, and the service line, the same as the half court line in tennis, should be twenty feet from the board. Add a tennis ball and from two to four players and the game is complete. The board will take six inches from the floor space and will not interfere in the slightest. For basket-ball bolts may be run through the board flush with the face. Thus handball and basket-ball will be provided for.

Handball has more than vindicated itself, so that now to lack this game in a gymnasium is to lack an essential equipment. Is Hamilton to be a back number in so costless an advantage of such priceless value? Can't Hamilton have a one-wall handball court by next fall?

—Don't put that Prize Essay writing off until you get home. It will be an endeavor in vain then.

Press Association.

The Press Association has been receiving congratulations from all parts of this state and from other states on its success in spreading abroad the good news that Hamilton won the intercollegiate debate from Columbia's best debating society. The day after the debate a concise report of it appeared in most of the New York papers, in the Brooklyn papers, and in other papers throughout New York and New England. It is the kind of advertising that does the College good.

A word about the Press Association. Its object seems to be misunderstood. It aims to send to the papers by special correspondence and by the news association such news as will interest the reading public. It is usually good news. It is always conservative. In the recent scarlet fever scare it took care that exaggerated reports did not get to the paper, and where such reports leaked out it undertook to correct the mistakes. It reports all college events of importance and in addition to these all the athletic games. Under its influence four times as much Hamilton College news has appeared in the papers as ever before. Its members are chosen from among students who are willing to do a little outside work without getting a medal for their services. It has no badge, nor pin, nor medal to show who its members are. The president is Prof. Squires and the vice president is Prof. Morrill. When anyone wants to know anything about the association or its work, he can find out by asking either of these two officers. The only exception to this last is that writers for the college papers are requested not to ask questions. It would be unprofessional for them to verify any rumors they may hear about the Press Association, or anything else, for that matter.

Y. M. C. A.

The last meeting of the term will be to-morrow afternoon, a prayer meeting and conference.

The eastern presidents' conference will be held at Harvard University, April 16-19. Our association has usually been represented at these gatherings, and probably this year will be no exception.

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DO YOUR DUTY!

LIFE wishes heartily to second the recent remarks of Dr. Stryker on sub-freshmen. The individual efforts of every undergraduate in College are worth more than all catalogue and pamphlet recommendations in securing men for coming freshmen classes. A word of sincere praise to a possible sub-freshman will draw many a man to Hamilton, who could not be reached by catalogue. If there is a desirable man who may enter college next fall, a good word from you may turn him this way. This is the most efficient way of showing your loyalty to your Alma Mater. Or, if there is a possible man who is not yet prepared to enter college, but will be ready in a year or two, talk Hamilton to him; let him know what we are and what we stand for; if possible get him to come on here and see the College and learn our spirit and ideals. Be honest with the man and let him know that he will have to work; that we do not exist for athletics, but that athletics exist for us; that he will have to have his requirements to be able to stay in college; that in Hamilton every man is just what he makes himself, and here he can have every possible chance to make the very best of himself; that we value a man for what he is and does, not for what he has been or may be. Then "bohn in" and get fellows thinking of us and keep alive an interest in them. In doing that you will be doing your most loyal and pleasant duty to your college and to yourself.

LET THEM AGITATE!

A conference is to be held in Chicago to consider the advisability of shortening the collegiate course to two or three years. Over 300 invitations to this con-

ference have been sent to educational leaders throughout the country. Whatever may be the result of all these agitations for a shorter arts course, it seems undoubted that the classical colleges will continue to offer their present courses uncurtailed, and that the class of students at present attending these colleges will continue to pursue such courses. Hothouse methods never have and never can produce the flower of broad, deep culture.

AS WE SPEAK IT.

Too little attention is paid to the correct use of English by the students at Hamilton College. In our daily conversation, in the class room and on the campus, we are continually using "ain't," "hadn't ought," "it's me," "there isn't no," and other colloquial forms that are not recognized as correct for cultured people. "They are expressive, perhaps more forcible than the correct forms; so why not use them? Why be pedantic," you say. Perhaps you are right as your objection applies to College Hill. Beyond that you are wrong.

Our college course has been a failure if it has not taught us that accuracy in diction is not a measure of a man's true culture. It is shallow, on the surface, and may be only the varnish that covers up cheap wood. This is good philosophy for College Hill. It will not do for the broader world. One of the first things we shall notice after commencement day, is that every non-college man secretly dislikes a college man and is always on the lookout for flaws. Every word we speak will be under censure and when the ungrammatical sentence comes, it will be followed by the unspoken sneer—"college grammar." They will not go deeper. They are looking for faults. Your grammar is of no more importance than a clean collar and good table manners; but, like them, it is one of the units by which the world at large will measure you.

"But why should I care what the world at large thinks," you ask. Now forget your Emerson for just one minute and look at things as they are. You must wear a clean collar and speak good English, because by so doing you will win the good opinion of the world. You must win the good opinion of the world, because without it you cannot influence the world for good. The world expects a college man to be grammatical, just as it expects a prize fighter to

be brutal. He fights the better for the world's uplifting, who is willing to concede the unimportant points to the world.

Be grammatical.

A Cartoon's Story.

There's a cartoon in *Life* (N. Y.) of early Feb. that's worth a few minutes of study. "Educational" it is called. At one end of a big wall is a gate opening into a yard at the end of which is a building of classic lines, but broken coping. Along the path which leads up to this building is an old man with head bent low in thought, and entering the gate is a forlorn looking boy, and only one. A broken sign above the gate says the place is the home of wisdom, "a four year's course."

At the far end of the stone wall is another gate and outside the gate stands, not a harper nor yet a butler, but a trumpeter, who calls attention to the advantages of a one, a two and a three year course. And rushing through this gate is a crowd of nondescript boys, while outside, ready to enter, is a characteristic group of students.

What is it all about? Oh, it teaches so many lessons. It commends colleges like Hamilton, ridicules the overdoing of "athletics," shows the college "sport" in his true light, and does a lot of other things that can't be appreciated unless seen.

Football Suits.

Just at present the football management is greatly hindered by the reluctance of the players to turn in their suits. Most of the uniforms owned by the College have either been misplaced or are retained by the possessors. As matters now stand it is absolutely impossible to make any estimate of the amount or condition of equipment. It is the end of winter term, next comes spring term with spring practice. The men must be clothed for such work as for the regular season, consequently the suits should all be collected and repaired. The manager cannot see each man separately about this, but must be aided by all 'Varsity, scrub, or class team men. If you have any football "togs" about your room, or know of anyone who has, take it upon yourself to gather them up and turn them over to the manager. It will ease his labor and give you a freer conscience.

Setley at Work.

Setley, the baseball coach, has been at work with the team during this week, although serious practice will not begin until next term. Setley has a wide reputation both as a player and a coach and should be able to turn out a good team from the material which we have this year.

A Prayer.

Oh, what a stomach-ache
From such a little cake!
Some power, the baker make
Of all my pains partake!
Let his fat belly shake,
Wriggle and swell and quake;
May he writhe like a snake
Crushed 'neath the gardner's rake;
May his tears form a lake,
His will with screaming break,
Grant this for justice's sake,
Kind Heaven. Amen.

TARDUS '04.

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College Notes.

—The physiology class had half of its exam. Tuesday.

—Sullivan '05, entertained his father on the Hill last Tuesday.

—Burgess '03, has returned to college after an illness of several weeks.

—Peter surprised us all by appearing as usual the morning after St. Patrick's day.

—Lown '04, mistook himself for the mascot of the junior class last Wednesday.

—Sophomore Bible will be held at 4 o'clock Monday, instead of at the usual hour.

—W. T. Chapman '03, gave a "chalk talk" in the Clinton M. E. Church Monday evening.

—Ehret '04, in the absence of "Bill" Squires, takes his place as instructor in psychology.

—The grass in front of Language Hall is in a dilapidated condition, fellows. Keep off!

—"Pop" Weber was the first man to be ducked this spring. A little cold yet for such civilities!

—Have you ever seen such a good natured man as "Uncle John" has been since the Gym. show?

—As successor to Mr. Merriam, President Roosevelt has appointed Hon. S. N. Dexter North '69, as Director of the Census.

—There is a daily migration toward the "Hall of Commons" these days to see the newly laid floor.

—At last the musical clubs have posed. Lewis of Utica did the rest. The "LIFE" Board also punished the lens.

—The baseball coach was here on Wednesday for the first time and about twenty men were out to practice.

—Dickinson '05, who has been called away from college by the death of his mother, will not return until next term.

—Freshman, get your rakes early, and avoid the rush! Prex. will soon post the list of freshmen chosen to rake the campus.

—Oren Root jr., '94, has just been promoted from assistant manager to manager of the Metropolitan railway system in New York City.

—Those at Y. M. C. A. report an excellent address from Colgate's Association president, and good singing from our quartette last Sunday.

—Prex. made some remarks in morning chapel a few days ago which should stir every Hamilton man to vigilance during the Easter vacation.

—Talk about your foxy baseball coach! Just get out to baseball practice and watch "Wild Bill." Freshmen are showing up well in practice.

—"Windy" asked "Si." Loftis '05, to discourse on Horace's literary qualities, etc. "Si" thoughtfully, yet tersely, remarked, "Well,—I see his finish!"

—It is rumored that Syracuse has been making strenuous efforts again to induce Sweetland to remain with them next fall but that he has refused to do so.

—Of all sad words of tongue or pen the saddest are these: Mail leaves the Hill at the convenience of the carrier, and comes up after the carrier gets down.

—"Uncle John" has bet a set-up that we get a snow storm before June. Get out and train, you track men, now, before "Uncle's" snow storm buries the track.

—The Barrett Browning entertainment was given at Houghton Tuesday night. A large number of college fellows were invited and the occasion was a very enjoyable one.

—Notice what members of the faculty attend morning chapel most regularly. You will notice that they are not those who were brought up within its walls. What's the reason?

—The College feels glad to thank Coach Setley for a few days of gratuitous work. His engagement by the management does not begin to operate till early next week.

—Will some one kindly inquire if freshman Clark has recovered from the shock of that superb drenching at the back door of South. By the way, this is splendid "ducking" weather.

—Rumor has it that "Pretty" is to study abroad next year, and that "Nick" will leave the College to enter engineering work. We hope it is mere rumor, for we want both professors here on the Hill.

—The juniors marched into Chapel on Wednesday and after singing and giving a yell for "Hank" White they were greeted by the yells of the other classes. The occasion was their last Wednesday Chapel.

—The Cornell University faculty has made the announcement that all students who were in good standing on Jan. 30, who would have received degrees this year, will receive them whether they return to college or not.

—A traveling man from White's Pottery, of Utica, was at the Clinton House, Wednesday afternoon, exhibiting a line of Flemish steins. Many of the fellows took advantage of this opportunity to add to their collection.

—E. P. Powell '53, had a long editorial in Monday's Utica Observer which denounced the Regents system of the State and proposed a state university to govern both colleges and high schools, such as now exists in Michigan.

—A path is being made to the door of Commons. During the past week the floor in the Commons has been finished and the steam radiators connected. The woodwork is being painted black, which gives it the appearance of ebony.

—It would be a welcome addition to the gymnastic instruction if the plunge were warmed up a little and swimming lessons given. There are many fellows who enter college without having learned this useful art and to whom such instruction would be very valuable.

—"Bib" gave a dramatic reading from the "Rape of the Lock" this week. We explain here that it was a dramatic reading for fear that some of the occupants of the Hall of Languages might have been distracted by the ghostly sounds proceeding from the "Lit" room.

—During the past week the straw covering has been removed from the ivy on the chapel and on the other buildings, the fountain also has been cleaned and the water turned on. If the leaves were off the ground, the campus would look quite natural again, thanks to an easy winter and an early spring.

—The oration which Minor '04, gave last week on the political situation in Delaware, was interesting and was listened to by everyone. A few such modern subjects instead of the usual bits of ancient history would be much more instructive, and would hold the attention of the chapel much better.

Orpheum.

There are so many pleasing features on this week's bill at the Orpheum that none of the regular patrons can afford to miss attending one the performances. Billy "Single" Clifford, the monologist, is making a great hit with his Broadway Chappie act, and at the matinees especially is a big favorite. Charles Barry does a grotesque comedy stunt that has never been beaten at the cosy little theater and he has scored one of the biggest hits of the season. Ed Reynard's ventriloquistic powers are simply marvellous and he carries an unusually fine set of dummies, some of which even walk. The give and take comedy of Baily and Madison keeps the audience in laughter all the time they occupy the stage. The entertainment arranged for next week promises to be one of the best of the season. Terry and Elmer will present their latest novelty, "The Dancing Missionary," one of the greatest comedy acts in vaudeville. "For Reform," which has been presented more times than any act in vaudeville but still a great favorite, will be put on by Hugh Stanton and Florence Modena. One of the finest costumed musical acts ever seen in Utica will be presented by Almount & Dumont, the musical Hussars, who play all kinds of instruments and play them well. The blackface monologist has been missing from the bills of late but the omission will more than be made up by the appearance of John Healy, one of the funniest characters on the stage. Frey and Fields, in the farcical skit, "The Wrong Man;" Ozar & Delmo, comedy jugglers; the Dewitts in their musical comedy act, including singing and dancing, will also have places on the bill, which will undoubtedly prove a big success.

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