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Look for Men.

The College in a few days will be dismissed for the Christmas recess of three weeks. It is the general tendency for us to completely put aside, during this time of recreation, all thoughts of work on the Hill. But this year let us shake off the feeling of laziness and enthusiastically keep a sharp lookout for men. Other colleges are doing it, and for self-preservation we must also do our share. Look at Colgate! Every man of us wonders how it is she gets so many good men. Her football team this year was without doubt the best team of any small college in the country, yet Colgate is no larger than we are. How does she do it? By working constantly, and this must be also our policy henceforth. The competition between different institutions for men, and especially good men, is becoming sharper every year. We have been resting too much on our past laurels. We think that the attractions of Hamilton will bring the men to us. Here lies our error. We seem to forget that the beauties and advantages of a place have no influence on a man who has never realized those beauties. We must search out these promising men and so drill into them the advantages of our College here on the Hill, that all other considerations are driven from the sub-freshman's mind. If we ever expect to again take our place as champion of athletics in the league, we must get the men. You perhaps think this is a pessimistic view of the matter. But after careful thought you must also come to the same conclusion. We don't put the vim and spirit we should into this work for the College. We give up too quickly. When you go after a man do it with all your heart and hang on with bulldog tenacity till he comes our way. If we could get half the enthusiasm into this work which we have for football, the battle would be easily won.

You make the objection that we cannot get the men because we have no

consideration in the shape of scholarships to offer. This is where we are weak. We must admit so much, but still here lies the greatest reason why we undergraduates should put forth all the more energy. The greater the obstructions in our path the harder we must work. We leave for home the 17th of December. Let every man be determined to accomplish something in this direction while he is home. Don't wait till spring or the interscholastic field meet, or next summer. Get the man now, and let your rival do the waiting.

The New Dormitory.

The chances for getting the roof on the new dormitory this year are, from present prospects, very poor. Most of the front and north walls are ready, but little has been done on the other two. Consequently it will be impossible to get the building covered if the present cold weather continues. Heating apparatus has not yet been installed and the building is cold and damp inside. With inside work postponed until next spring, it is rather doubtful whether the building can be made ready for use next fall, inasmuch as the plaster will have had little time to dry.

The Record.

Every student and alumnus of Hamilton ought to have a copy of the Record, which is now ready. It contains pictures of all the buildings and a few of the campus. They are all taken from the most advantageous positions and are especially clear for half tones. Some of the views show the campus from points which are not always appreciated. Among the pictures are those of the Laboratory, the new Dormitory, the Commons interior, also the campus entrance. Accompanying each view is a paragraph of description and history, much of which is quite new to the majority of the students.

Lights in South.

At last some enterprising spirits in South have aroused themselves and determined to have lights in the halls. Editorials and complaints availed nothing, so someone had sense enough to call a meeting of the students in the dormitory to find some way to overcome the darkness. Hereafter we will expect to see Old South brilliantly lighted, and the students in North might do well to follow suit.

A Dramatic Club.

What does the college think about a dramatic club? For four years Hamilton College has not supported an organization of this nature. Is it not time now to again agitate this scheme and organize such a club? We hardly ever look over the annuals of universities and colleges without finding the photographs and descriptions of their dramatic societies. Within our number now are many men who have the ability of characterization, and whose names would appear well on the cast of some play. We also have a few men who would vie with Wilson or Daniels as comedians, and whose presence before the foot-lights of some grand city auditorium or even the rostrum of a country church would throw the audience into appreciative laughter. What better means is possible, or even available for entertaining those fair beauties who will visit this Hill during next term, than by some comic play? At least we could make no mistake in attempting such an innovation, and if the first year our troupe did not play to over-crowded houses, nevertheless it would be a beginning and better results would surely follow in succeeding years. Winter term is always slow and this club would surely enliven times and make one more thing to keep us busy. This is merely a suggestion put forward in these columns for the consideration of the college. Think the matter over, and if it appeals to you as a promising move, talk it over with your friends, and get the organization started at once.

The Library.

A great many of us think that if we play football, baseball, or enter some other field of activity we are fulfilling our duty to our College. But Hamilton needs something besides athletic support, she needs a better supply of books on American history, on English history, and on many other subjects of the same character. A very small amount is expended each year, by the College, for the improvement of the library—a surprisingly small sum. The historical books are especially valuable to the upper classes who elect these subjects, and it is these students who especially lament that our library, in some respects, is not up-to-date. Why not have an undergraduate library fund? Make it a College custom for every student to give the library a present of a dollar, or more, during his college course. Could not every man in College afford to contribute twenty-five or fifty cents a year for four years? It is a trifling sum, but with that money a great deal could be done toward making the library what it ought to be. To start the idea it might be advisable for the seniors or juniors who take history to appoint a man for the purpose of finding out how many of the upperclassmen would subscribe a few pennies for the cause.

Juniors 4, Sophomores 21.

The first game of the inter-class basket-ball series was played in the Gym. Monday afternoon. Quite a crowd of fellows turned out notwithstanding the awkwardness of the hour, and considerable class spirit was rife during the contest.

The first half was fiercely and closely fought, little advantage on the part of either team being evident. The play was unscientific and though but few penalties were imposed there was a deal of roughing. In the second half the sophomores displayed some very clever team work and against the most desperate efforts of the upperclassmen, ran the score up to a considerable total.

Several men in the game showed promise of becoming 'varsity material, notably Bramley, Sherman, LeMunyan and Sicard, of the sophomore aggregation, and Schwab, Crumb and Harwood, of the juniors. This plan of playing for the College championship is undoubtedly the only feasible method of develop-

ing the needful material for a strong 'varsity. The more interest the College takes in these games the better will be the College team.

Forwards.

Edgerton. Sicard.
Loftis, (Harwood). Keeney, (Sherman).
Center.

Harwood, captain. Sherman, captain.
(Merrick). (Miller).

Guards.

Schwab. Bramley.
Crumb. LeMunyan.

Referee—A. S. Davis, '04. Umpire—
S. Sherman, '04. Timekeepers—Wright,
'05, and Drummond, '06.

Hamilton vs. Williams.

The college will probably be glad to hear that Williams is willing to play the annual Hamilton-Williams game next fall in Albany. This ought to be a great advantage to Hamilton inasmuch as it takes the game from the Williams campus to neutral ground. Besides this, it will relieve our team from the necessity of taking the long and tiresome trip into the middle of Massachusetts. The change will also help the management because the Hamilton-Williams game at Albany has always been a success financially. The date has not been definitely settled but negotiations are under way and there is a possibility that the game will be played October 22nd.

A Basket-ball Coach.

No one denies we need a basket-ball coach, in fact every one keeps urging that we do have one. "Why doesn't the manager get a coach?" it is exclaimed. "Of course we can't expect to have a good team without a coach," says one. "Our team is not any good so I don't intend to give much towards it," mourns another.

Now, here is just where the trouble is. You want a coach and yet you won't offer the manager any encouragement to secure one. It is not possible to do a great deal on twenty-five cent subscriptions. Think this over; offer substantial help, and then perhaps the manager can go ahead and engage a coach.

Johns Hopkins has one professor for every four students, Yale one for every nine, Columbia, Harvard, and Pennsylvania one for every ten, Hamilton one for every eleven.

Sophomore Hop.

The sophomore hop seems to have gone the way of many of its much-rumored predecessors. The sophomore class had intended to give such a dance, but now their chance is about gone since such a festivity would not be practicable during review or examination week. Winter term we have enough with junior week. However, the fault is not with the sophomores. There has been no opportunity during football season, and now that this is over no time remains.

Debating.

Word has been received from the Columbia debaters saying that the Hamilton-Columbia debate will be held Feb. 22. Columbia wants Hamilton to choose a subject, and this will probably be done sometime before Christmas vacation. The speeches are to be 5 and 10 minutes and three men will be heard on each side.

The Cornell challenge has been answered to the effect that Hamilton will debate Cornell if the subject for the Hamilton-Columbia debate be used. This answer was given on the assumption that the seniors and juniors chosen for the Columbia debate will represent the college against Cornell, and, therefore, will not have time to work up another subject.

Among the Colleges.

Union has recently organized a Press Club.

Yale is now offering a course of lectures in Insurance.

Bowdoin has organized a college band. Twenty men are trying for places.

It is estimated that about five hundred students at the University of Wisconsin are self-supporting.

President Eliot, of Harvard, in his annual report, states that over 2000 students in that university take part in athletics.

There are fifty-eight Senators in the fifty-eighth congress who have college diplomas. Two hundred and fifteen out of a total of three hundred and eighty-two Representatives are college men.

President Eliot, of Harvard, thinks that the following is the ideal plan for the student's day: Ten hours for study, eight for sleep, four for meals and recreation, and two for wholesome exercise.

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THE BOWLING ALLEY.

The last issue of the Record contained a picture of the Hall of Commons and a description of the bowling alley in the basement. Perhaps the article looked forward to the future but at present we can only hope. We do not know why the alley has not been built, perhaps it is because the floor, as yet, is not thoroughly dry. We are sure that the student body would welcome such an addition, especially since there is no alley in the village. Bowling is good sport and in case an alley is ever built in the Commons it would be a good idea to run a winter tournament. However, that is looking rather too far ahead; the first requirement is the alley.

THE ARBOR CURVE.

It is said that familiarity breeds contempt and there seems to be an example of this here at college. Students get so familiar with the slopes and turns of the hill that they neglect to take even moderate precautions. So far this year we have been fortunate, and also for a few years past, in having no accidents, but the danger is ever present, especially at the arbor and the Psi U. curves. Not much can be done to lessen the danger at the lower curve but there is a possible remedy at the arbor. The chance is that a sled may jump the ruts and throw the riders into the stone wall of the arbor. We had an example of this a few years ago when a man in the class of 1903 was seriously hurt. A suggestion has been made that boards a foot and a half or two feet in height be placed along the sides of the walk above the arbor for fifteen or twenty feet. This would make a shute which in case a sled missed the track would

turn it back on the walk instead of hurling its riders into the arbor or down the bank. Something similar might be built at the Psi U. curve, but there is less chance here for improvement because of the sharp turn.

CHEAPER TEXT BOOKS.

Dr. Stryker bought Christian Evidences for the senior class at 60 cents a volume less than they could have been bought through the retailers. This is an instance of how much can be saved by purchasing direct and at wholesale. The book store can and will do this for the students if they find out now what books they will need next term and will hand in their orders next week. In the book line it is suggested that all the seniors who are to take the Shakespeare course next term find out, now, what books they will need. A New York firm is giving low rates on the Rolfe edition, bound in olive green limp leather, pocket size, one play to a volume. If half a dozen or more seniors will agree to take ten volumes each, it is probable that a reduction of twenty per cent. will be given on the list price. This is not an "ad" for the books. The edition has been standard as long as any Hamilton graduate can remember. It is worth while to have good books, well bound, clearly printed, and with good notes. Such a book is a pleasure to look at, entirely aside from the reading within its covers.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Again it is necessary to remind the students who have not yet turned in their football subscriptions, that such subscriptions are overdue, and that the football department needs every cent that is coming to it, to meet the obligations incurred during the season. It ought not to be necessary for the manager and assistant to drum continually for these subscriptions. Each man should realize that such a promise is nothing more or less than a note, and that it is just as much a matter of business honor. The department incurs debts, always calculating on the prompt payment of these subscriptions, just as any firm doing business, and if they are not paid before the appointed time, outside people besides the football association, are sadly inconvenienced.

The more lax the student subscribers become in the payment of these athletic taxes, the longer time must elapse before the association can pay its bills,

and thus the credit of the College is by so much impaired. Now, no man desires this, so let us be quicker and readier to meet these important, little, obligations. Don't wait for the manager or assistant manager to ask you three or four times for it, because there are other and more imperative demands upon their time, therefore it ought not to be wasted on such petty matters as keeping men informed on the promises they have made.

THE SCURF POSTERS.

The scurf posters are probably well under way now and it is not untimely to say a word about them. It sometimes happens that the men who have them in charge get the mistaken idea that obscene language is wit. It is not a seldom occurrence for these posters to have such references and expressions that we are ashamed to show the production to anybody outside of College. But that is not the purpose of the posters. They are printed, supposedly to humorize, in a clever fashion, the glaring characteristics of certain men, and when this idea is carried out, it can be safely said they do much good. The custom of getting out posters is a good one, but it will soon die out in Hamilton unless the character and tone which has prevailed for the last few years, is changed.

Basket-ball.

The game of basket-ball which took place between Hamilton and a team from Little Falls, Clinton, and Utica, showed quite clearly that our prospects are not very bright for a winning team this season. To be sure several men who can play have not been out, and in this number are several football men. The question arises, ought the football men to come out? The answer would probably be, "yes, if they are needed," but there is a considerable doubt as to the advisability of having football men play basket-ball. The chief objection lies in the fact that too much athletic training is apt to make a man stale, and if one enters football, basket-ball baseball, or track, all in one year, it is obvious that he is doing too much in the line of athletics. As a general rule we believe in sacrificing basket-ball to football, so we ought not to ask football men to play basket-ball. But can the basket-ball team get along without these men? Probably not. What are we to do? The question of the advisability of trying to support a team this year seems to be

one for the Advisory Board or the student body to decide. No one cares to see an elaborate schedule arranged which will mean defeat for Hamilton in most of the large games. For two years past, this has been the case, and the prospect is not any brighter this year.

Captain Sherman is working hard and doing his best with the squad he has, but he will have a hard time making a winning team out of material which has not had much experience. At present, there seems to be a spirit of doubt and hesitation, which should be eliminated by some positive action before the season opens.

Notice.

About a week before the Amherst game we were given permission by the football manager to arrange an official program for the game which was to occur on Nov. 22. Through the kindness of various business firms in Utica and Clinton we sold enough advertising space to cover a folder, leaving room for pictures of the team and a score form.

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Local Notes.

—Sherman, ex-'04, was on the Hill last Monday.

—Wicks, '04, criticized the speaking last Wednesday.

—Warren, '02, and Bratt, '01, visited the Hill last Thursday.

—F. M. Barrows, ex-'06, was on the Hill a part of last week.

—Mills, '05, has been absent on a hunting trip for several days.

—Dr. Stryker addressed the Y. M. C. A. in Utica last Wednesday.

—Carnegie Hall looks as though it would have a roof on before January.

—Dr. C. Roosa, of Buffalo, spent Saturday and Sunday with his son Roosa, '06.

—Charles B. Rogers, trustee of the college, was on the Hill the past week.

—The sophomores labored with "Dutch sentences" on Monday from 10 to 12.

—The All-Collegiate basket-ball team was defeated 43-13 at Mohawk last Saturday.

—The exam. schedule which has been posted is being examined with anxious faces.

—The juniors and sophomores had class pictures taken after Wednesday chapel.

—Rev. D. A. Ferguson, '71, has been on the Hill a few days this week visiting his son.

—Ferguson, '04, spent several days last week in Camden, the guest of Abbott, '04.

—Abbey, '05, Macdonald, '06, and Gentes, '06, spent Thanksgiving at Frankfort.

—Root, '03, who is now in Harvard Law School, was on the Hill over Thanksgiving.

—That active operations have been begun upon the scurf posters is evidenced by worried looks of several of the freshmen.

—Every fellow in college should have a ticket for the series of inter-class basket-ball games.

—According to Dr. Root, the outlook for a large freshman class next year is exceedingly bright.

—Harwood, '05, has been confined to his room part of the past week with a severe attack of la grippe.

—A number of the fellows attended the dance given in the Kirkland Library last Wednesday evening.

—The manager of the freshman basket-ball team has arranged several games with prep. school teams.

—There is a movement on foot to establish a fund for lighting the corridors of south. It should meet with success.

—The senior-junior basket-ball game which was to have been played on last Wednesday, was postponed until this afternoon.

—The fellows who were away from the Hill last Sunday missed hearing the best sermon that Dr. Stryker has delivered this year.

—The basket-ball game which was to have been played between the freshmen and the Clinton High School has been postponed.

—The following men won football H's this fall: R. P. Davis, '04, Soper, '04, Stowell, '05, Thompson, '06, Nellis, '06, Bennett, '06, and Wygant, '07.

—The Princeton Athletic Council paid the expenses of the thirteen football men who won their P's in the Yale game to the Yale-Harvard game.

—The Hill has been very fast this week and many spills have been the result. It is unfortunate that the walk in and above the arbor is in such a condition.

—Colgate in a recent issue the of Madisonensis makes the statement that we beat them in yelling and singing. This sounds pleasant from the pen of our rival.

—There were about thirty in chapel Friday morning. One would think that the trustees would grant two days off so that the majority of the fellows might go home.

—There is an attempt being made to open athletic relations with the University of Vermont, in baseball next spring. Such a game, if scheduled, will be a good addition.

—Probably the continual cry for men for basket-ball sounds monotonous to some, but the fact is we can not have a team to win, unless we have men who will work. So let's have a large squad out at the beginning of next term.

—The basket-ball game between the sophomores and juniors Monday, in many ways resembled a football game.

—The Utica Press of Thursday had an article to the effect that Sweetland had been offered a position as coach at Cornell.

—In the Thanksgiving Day game played at Rochester between Hobart and Rochester, the latter was victorious, score 17-5. These two institutions are tied for third place in the state league.

—One week from next Wednesday evening is Hamilton night at the fair in the Utica armory. The ladies are taking great pains to make it enjoyable for all who attend, and deserve to have a large number of fellows from the Hill in attendance.

—The examination schedule has been posted in the library and the usual amount of satisfaction and otherwise has been expressed. There is no new departure this year, the examinations begin next Wednesday and end on Thursday of the following week.

—At a meeting of the juniors held Wednesday the class decided to send some kind of a remembrance to Downey, '05, who is the first man of the class to fall a victim to matrimonial allurements. The good will and best wishes of the class will go to Downey along with their remembrance.

—The juniors held their final debate Wednesday morning in order to choose the debaters to defend them in the coming debate with the seniors. Ten men took part and after the debate the class elected its representatives. They are Sullivan, Speh, Beach, and MacIntyre.

—The juniors have chosen Harwood to captain their basket-ball team and are practicing faithfully. It would be well for all the classes to get busy and see if they can develop something to the basket-ball line which can furnish an interesting game. This would do much to stimulate the basket-ball interest in college.

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The College World.

Dartmouth has abolished compulsory Sunday chapel attendance.

The University of Chicago has scored 357 points and been scored on only once.

Lafayette College recently supplied a wagon load of clothing for the flood sufferers in Easton.

Columbia, Cornell and Pennsylvania have joined a debating league, with an agreement covering three years.

The only college fraternity for colored men in the United States has been founded at the University of Indiana.

The Yale Foreign Missionary Society has a plan to establish a great University in China, to be modeled after Yale.

The alumni of the classes from '92 to '97, of Princeton, are collecting funds to erect a dormitory of Gothic architecture.

The Orpheum.

Press Eldridge has been drawing big audiences at the Orpheum all this week and needless to say this famous monologist has more than pleased all. Coming next week is an all star bill headed by James J. Corbett, formerly champion pugilist of the world, who appears in a monologue made up of amusing incidents of his career in the ring. Corbett is a clever talker and with his experience in the ring cannot fail to interest lovers of the manly art. In addition there will be such strong acts as Edmund Day & Co., Field & Hanson, Monroe, Mack & Lawrence, Inez Dunfee, Ascott & Eddy, and Hughey Flaherty. The prices will remain the same as usual despite the fact that the bill will be the most expensive of the season.

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