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Things That Happened on the Trip.

If tripping is against the rules in foot-ball, then we have broken the rules, but not one of the sixteen men who went forth to do honor to the buff and blue in New England regrets the experience, or looks upon the week's absence as a week's loss. In some respects our experience was novel. In all probability, no foot-ball team ever lived on a similar diet for a week. From the time when we purchased our two apples for five cents, in Utica, until we fed ourselves on the management for the last time at the Grand Union in New York there was plenty of variety if there was not enough edible beef-steak. Upon the journey from Utica to Albany nothing worthy of note happened, except that Gillie and one of his cousins read a love-poem in concert. Arriving in Albany the fellows stopped "training" for the first time since leaving Utica. The management announced that the fellows would be allowed to eat if they could afford it. Whereupon the bunch divided and a part went to Keeler's, and procured a good dinner for thirty-five cents a head. The rest being economical went into a place, which, stuck into the side of the old station's corridor, looked and smelled like a chicken coop in a poultry show. At one end of this restaurant was a stove and a cupboard, at the other a show case full of card-board cakes and wooden bread. Upon the wall was nailed a panel, which bore the legend,

Minse Pie,
Sour Crout,
Coffle,
Ham and Eggs,
Sausige,
Beaf Stake,
Sandwiches,
Coko.

Sweetland, thinking that the last article upon the list meant cocoa said, we

could have some, so we ordered sandwiches and coko. The sandwiches would have made good chewing gum if they had been flavored properly, and as to the coko, Sweetland had been mistaken. It wasn't cocoa at all, it was "pea-nut gravy," and the strange thing about it was that there was as much left in the cups as there was when the fellows began. The bill amounted to thirty-five, and was cheerfully paid. Then the fellows went out and bought some fruit, by way of desert. The train for Springfield, Mass., was late, but as it was "Hank" Keogh took himself from his "gear ones" just in time to miss missing it. At Springfield the management took us up to a swell hotel to see the pretty typewriter who was employed there. After we had looked at her for a little while, Bake announced that supper was served, and led the way to an eating place upstairs over a saloon, where the fellows drowned the cries of hunger by singing. After a cake walk by some members of the team in the parlor, we adjourned to the station, where we discovered Mr. and Mrs. Newlywed. We sang "I'd leave ma happy home for you," and some other appropriate selections. Whereupon the groom presented a dollar to the team for cigars, which we suppose that Bake lost. In due time we arrived at Hartford, where we were installed in the Hartford Hotel. Here Bunco De Votie found that one of the waitresses was his cousin, and they enjoyed a pleasant visit.

The next day we "played with" Trinity. Bake evidently did not like the "Hartford," for we went not back there but to the American Hotel. It would need the pen of Zola to describe this place, and our life there. Suffice it to say that we would have starved had we not eaten between meals, and that we slept a few minutes each night. On Friday afternoon we started for New York, and arrived there at nine o'clock.

In the toilet room of the Grand Union,

where we stayed, Bunco Devotie and Mangan couldn't find a roller towel, so they wiped their faces on their handkerchiefs. The next day we played New York University at Berkeley Oval, and winning the game finished the best foot-ball season that Hamilton College has ever had. After the game the fellows went their several ways, and so devious were their paths that even a "Life" reporter would find it hard work to tell of the things they did. It is all over now, as the man said when he dropped the egg on his shirt-front. The foot-ball team is no more, but sixteen men will not soon forget the Trinity trip.

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The Delta Kappa Epsilon had a reception at their house at the foot of College hill, Wednesday evening, November 30. The dancing went on until Thanksgiving day was several hours old. The refreshments were served by Plank, and the music furnished by an Utica orchestra. There were about seventy-five people there, and from the general spirit, we assume that they had a good time.

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Squibs.

College meeting Wednesday noon to decide the Union matter.

The snow began Sunday, and we are now in the midst of a "young" blizzard. It seems natural to see the sleds out, though.

Reviews have begun in dead earnest. Almost all of the different classes from seniors to freshmen are reviewing. This is a new experience for the members of 1903.

Freshmen are having a physical examination. "Life" wonders how many hours this will count if any luckless weight should by misfortune flunk it.

Coal is at a premium by north. Why we even heard a man charge two scuttles interest on one scuttle for a week. We would like to ask if this is not usury?

Athletic Department.

R. S. C. DRUMMOND, - - - - - Editor
E. J. WARD, - - - - - Reporter.

Summary of the Foot-Ball Season.

With the season of '99 closes one of the most glorious in the history of Hamilton. Two defeats have been met with, at the hands of Cornell and of Carlisle, and both of them expected. The Cornell game was virtually a victory for Hamilton; and the Indians' showing against Columbia as compared with the result producing satisfaction in the minds of all Hamilton's supporters. The long list of victories over other teams, none of them mean antagonists, places Hamilton in the front rank of the smaller colleges, and in the end must compel recognition from institutions with whom it has long been our desire to compete. Our success must be attributed to the entirely new system of training adopted, to the wonderful work of Coach Sweetland, to the tireless efforts and enthusiasm of Captain Stowell, and to the hard, conscientious labor of the eleven and the scrub. The alumni who made possible by their liberal subscriptions, our schedule, and the engagement of Sweetland, should come in also for our generous and grateful recognition. If it had not been for their money, the hard-working manager would have found it very difficult to make ends meet. Nothing but praise is to be bestowed upon the manager and his assistant, and every one connected with the administration of the foot-ball department this fall.

At the beginning of the season there were to be filled the positions of full-back, left tackle, right end and left end. The unfortunate injuries to Millham and Dunn left their positions to be filled also. Church, 1902, had his chances killed by a broken leg received in a class row. The men finally selected to fill the various places left vacant were Redmond, 1901, right end; N. Drummond, 1902, left end; Keogh, special, full back; the two McLaughlins alternating at quarter back; and Peet, 1903; Naylor, 1902; and Dunn, 1901, at various times, left half back. Drummond, 1901, was moved out to left tackle, and Sheppard,

1900, played left guard during the season. Dunn was able to play two or three games, but injuries prevented him from regular participation. Naylor and Peet filled the position of left half most of the season.

The ends were both new men, neither having played the position before. Yet in the whole season no team except Carlisle has been able to gain around our ends, and the secret of the Indians' success was the fact that they used a delayed pass, the ends having gone in to help the line. The noted Walbridge in the Cornell game tried Drummond's end three times, and was downed each time for a heavy loss. In every game except the Indian game, no full back was able to advance one of Keogh's punts. He was nailed in his tracks. Several touchdowns for Hamilton have resulted from our ends' falling on dropped punts. This watchfulness and activity on the part of the ends is one of the most noticeable results of Sweetland's coaching. But not alone in these respects have they excelled. Most of Mason's long runs, and of Peet's marvelous dashes on straight bucks are due directly to Nels Drummond's blocking and opening holes. Half of Stowell's gains could not have been made had not Nels blocked off two opponents. In the New York game on the Berkeley Oval. Keogh and Nels Drummond practically made the last two touchdowns, and saved the exhausted team. Their work can be appreciated only by the team themselves.

The two McLaughlins have performed their work at quarter very creditably. They have generalised the team with few mistakes. The fumbling has not been done by them. Both were exceedingly sure in handling punts and in running through a broken field. Much of their accuracy has been due to the steadiness of Gilbert at centre. It would be hard to say what the team would do without old Gil to snap the ball. He never makes a mistake. Besides getting off his passes, both to quarter and full-back, accurately, he has held his opponent and opened up holes that made possible for Keogh his long dives for five and ten yards. It is safe to say that Gilbert can hold his own on any college team. Sheppard and Ward backed him up well. Rarely did it happen that a signal for a buck through center did not pro-

duce openings big enough for a wagon to drive through. Ward was not up to his usual form this year, and Sheppard labored under difficulties in the way of injuries that handicapped him all season. Yet they both played a masterly game, tore up mass plays viciously, and were always sure for a gain when they ran with the ball.

Mason was the same artful dodger as of old. His end runs will remain a tradition wherever Hamilton has played. His speed, his dodging, and evading of opponents are simply wonderful. He was always used to start off a game, and was generally good for thirty or forty yards. His specialty was double passes. These he worked to perfection. In one or two games Chic was a trifle slow, but his general good work can excuse all minor and temporary deficiencies. Dunn was Chic's natural running mate, but in lieu of him Peet filled the bill very acceptably. Peet is a brilliant player. For heady running with the ball, speed, agility, and accurate tackling it would be hard to find his equal. In the last New York game, with both his sides severely injured, he stuck the game out and won the admiration of the sidelines. If Naylor were as good on offensive work as he is on defensive, his position on the team would be assured. He and Nels Drummond can stop any play that ever starts around their end. In the Cornell game he tackled almost every man that was downed. He doesn't know the word "quit." In running with the ball, however, Peet is his superior, owing perhaps to the fact that Naylor is so light and a trifle too eager. Keogh's punting and line-bucking are about as good as have been seen in some time. He lacks the steadiness of the famous Robertson; but when he dropped back for a kick the ends always had to hustle down the field, and when he sailed into the line, the guards and center had to open a hole pretty quickly. On defensive, Keogh's proper position was shown to be on the line. He wasn't so sure of catching punts as Peet or the MacLaughlins.

Stowell, at right tackle, is probably the best all-round player on the team. As captain of the team he has been practically perfect in all respects. He has done more work than any other two men on the team, and besides the work of actual playing, he has borne the worries, the

disappointments, the anxieties, and responsibilities attendant upon his office this year, heroically, and in a way that has won the admiration of the team and the college. He has been absolutely impartial, and every candidate has had a fair show. He set an example as to training and play that had to be followed; yet never did an unjust word of criticism pass his lips. He has been most considerate to those players who were injured. Not a regular player nor a substitute regards him with anything but the highest admiration and friendship. Not a fault can be found with his conduct as captain, and his courtesy and ability have won the devotion of the team. His running with the ball gained a large part of the distance made in every game. In almost every case he outplayed his opponent, and he did most of the tackling on his side of the line. His judgment at critical points was precise. All honor to the captain of the team of 1899! Left tackle was played by "Dick" Drummond. This is the first year that Drummond has played tackle in college. He made an exhibition of nerve this year that exceeded anything ever like it here. Injured and disabled he played in every game except the Union, and the reason for his absence in that was his inability to leave his bed and dress. Whenever called on, Drummond was sure of a gain. At critical points the signal rang out for him. On defensive work he and his brother were a team. Nothing ever passed them, unless it was the Indian, or Cornell team, and there were no material gains even then. A great deal of our success this season was our ability to buck through our left side. And this was due to the sure way in which Dick Drummond would "box" his tackle. The influence of Drummond on the team was strong, too. He believed in training, working and enduring, and he set an example for these things which the other men attempted to follow.

The regular substitutes, to a man, were to be depended on whenever they were called. Lake was Drummond's substitute at tackle, and played a good strong game. DeVotie, substitute for Stowell, was a strong and skillful player, and gave a good account of himself wherever and whenever he was sum-

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"Life" feels that an apology is due Messrs. Hummeston and Hawley for our neglect thus far adequately to recognize their generous efforts this term to entertain the college. Foot-ball and athletics have made so many demands on our space that we have been forced hitherto to omit any extended notice of these highly enjoyable musicales. Hereafter we propose to give them the attention they so well deserve not only because they are excellent in themselves, but because they indicate a commendable spirit and ambition in these gentlemen to contribute their time and energy to our entertainment. We do not believe that these musicales have been properly recognized by the student body. Attendance will mean appreciation. Anything is to be welcomed which tempers the prose and severities of college life, and makes us, if even for a moment, abandon our studies and forget the realities.

In our issue of November twenty-five "Life" unintentionally impugned the method of forming the dramatic club of last year. We do not in any way condemn the formation of that club. We realize that to revive interest in dramatics here, it was necessary for some one to take hold and push the matter through. Those who made the club possible are deserving of great praise, and "Life" feels this, and would never intentionally put any blame on these men. The intention of our article was to have the college control the club this year. Interest is felt by the college in this matter, now, and accordingly the college should have the right of displaying its interest. We hope that this year's club will turn out to be as successful as its predecessor.

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In our issue of December 4 we stated that the Delta Upsilon gave a reception on the evening of Wednesday, November 29. This was an error. The Delta Kappa Epsilon gave a reception that evening.

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The Alpha Delta Phi Reception

Tuesday evening, November 28, the Alpha Delta Phi gave a pleasant little reception at their hall on the campus. Their hall was prettily decorated, and made ready for the occasion. The music was furnished by Bergner of Utica. Many young ladies were present from Utica, Clinton, Rome and other places.

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On November 29, was given in the chapel the third musical recital of the term by Messrs. Hummeston and Hawley, assisted by the latter's brother, Mr. Oscar H. Hawley of New York. A numerous audience was present, who thoroughly appreciated and loudly applauded all the numbers. Hummy handled the organ with his usual skill, and rendered his music with much ex-

pression and fire. Dewey was in excellent voice, and his two solos were highly appreciated. The cello solos by Mr. Oscar Hawley were enthusiastically received. At the conclusion of his second he was obliged to respond to an encore. Mr. Hawley has been a member of some of our finest bands, and is considered one of the best cello players in the State. The musicale was entirely a success, and it is to be hoped will be soon repeated.

Reviews have begun. Everyone has felt it necessary to do some work during the past week, whether they have done any earlier in the term or not. It is a peculiar thing, yet, true, that the men who do the least work during the term feel duty bound (whether from conscience or something else) to do a greater amount of work during review weeks than even the bohnners. This is difficult to understand. It is a knotty problem, and is interesting to us all. We know that the public would greatly appreciate an explanation. "Life" will publish such a one if some guilty one will send it us.

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There appears in another column of "Life" an athletic summary of the foot-ball team. We have tried to deal impartially with every man, and to point out his faults, and praise his good points. We believe that this is the surest way to induce progress, and the account is written with that intent and with the further one of letting each student in college know the foot-ball players as they appear to other players on the team. This estimate of the individual men was made by a man who KNOWS foot-ball. It is as authoritative as any summary ever made by Casper Whitney.

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Gilbert leaves the Deke dance early. He must have had an end in view.

Harwood has been talking all fall about Hamilton's famous "tangent" play.

Local Department.

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Locals.

Nov. 30. Thanksgiving Day, nothing to do. Every one takes it easy, and tries to make up lost time sleeping. Dr. Andrews, Dunn, Moore, Drummond and several others take a carriage drive past Houghton.

Dec. 1. Dick Drummond and Dave Peet try to forget a certain young lady they met at the dance. Everybody swears at the markers for cutting chapel without previously informed the college. Juniors look sentimental and sleepy.

Dec. 2. Stowell and Stryker make star recitations in French. Lee, '00, quiets t he perfect bedlam that was going on in noon chapel, by delivering a very fine oration in great style. His was the only voice heard mid the flying apple cores and pennies. McKee bohns math! Easy Hicok makes a star recitation in Bib. Baker, Moore, Cookinham, Dunn, Holbrook and Smith go to Utica. L. R. Smith leaves these parts for good, having gone into business with his father. Holorook escorts Miss Stuart to Utica. Baker, Moore, Cookinham and Smith salute him as he walks up the platform, bag in hand, with the little song entitled, "I did leave my happy home for you." Freshmen-sophomore foot-ball game. Busch reads an account of somebody being killed in a foot-ball game, and forthwith announces his intention to keep out of it.

Dec. 3. Dan Redmond smokes his cigar and half a stogie besides. He stood the ordeal well. Dunn marks in chapel. Why? So he can have a look at the queen of his heart, but alas and alack he was rubbered for fair. Rick Hatch and Dingle Augsbury take dinner at the Deke house. E. P. Powell invites

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some of the students down to drink cider and eat apples with him. The Y. M. C. A. has another of its frequent smoke-outs. It is almost as bad as Pittsburg.

Dec. 4. Snow on the ground and sled out. Coasting in pretty good by night time. Mineralogy reviews postponed until Wednesday. Graham and De Regt cut. Mail gets up late, there being over 80 pounds of it. Quite a load to carry up college hill. If you don't believe it, try it some snowy morning. Goss Stryker does not take notes in Bible. Rick Hatch goes to sleep, and Dick Drummond reads the Fairie Queen. Hodges, '03, appears once more on the campus, having undergone an operation for removing an ingrowing toenail. Seniors debate in chapel. Hank Miller and Ben Moore endeavor to light the gas when there is none. Steiner is critic, and is requested to "boil it down," but he did not—as usual. He is small, but, oh my—. The two minute extemporaneous debators make a fine showing. As usual the reading room smoky and dimly lighted. Somebody is taking it easy, evidently. Letter received from Cornell desiring to play our basket ball team here some time in winter term. Freshmen hold a class meeting after gym, and decide that no one can wear the the class numerals except on class cap, who has not won them.

Dec. 5. Dunn flunks in Greek. Hatch has his translation, cold, preferring to bohn now rather than before exams. Elkins advises juniors to sleep whenever they feel like it, especially in the morning, and ends up his lecture with a fish story. Dick Drummond is examined by Bib in Spenser. Hull decides to change his electives for winter term. Dunn borrows some more of Dick Drummond's clothes.

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moned. Mangan ran well with the ball, but was rather slow and likely to lose his head. E. Van Allen, substitute guard, was a new player, but he improved rapidly, and with his great strength ought to develop into a formidable player. There were several scrub players who will make their mark yet. Collins, Quinn, Jenks, Landers, Blaklesly and Robinson.

The team's good points were swiftness and hard playing. Their defense was perfect toward the end of the season. Their ability to work trick plays was good. Their failing was a tendency to let up on their opponents five or ten yard line, and allow the ball to be taken away from them. Yet, all in all, they played good foot-ball, and their record for the season stands as something of which Hamilton ought to be proud. They did their level best, anyway. Their work is finished and done, and by it they may stand with pride in their achievement.

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Freshmen 10, Sophomores 9

The freshmen and sophomors foot-ball teams played a well-contested game of foot-ball on Steuben Field last Saturday, the freshmen winning out by the score of 10 to 6. The freshmen had the advantage in that most of their players were members of the scrub team, while the sophomores had only three or four men who had ever played foot-ball before. Varsity players were debarred from both sides; and these coached their respective teams assiduously before the game. Substitutes were not wanting. The freshmen had to use some of theirs, but the sophs played the game through with the same team. Both elevens indulged in preliminary practice before the game and the backs distinguished themselves by running into their own interference and fumbling the ball on every play. Dr. Stone and Dr. Andrews officiated in the capacities of referee and umpire respectively, the cause of their selection being a common desire on the part of both classes, to supe their instructors. Naylor and Peet kept the time with a pair of antiquated time-pieces, while De Votie and E. Van Allen tried to cheat each other in their positions as linemen. Davy MacNaughlin,

in recognition of his devotion to the team during the season, was chosen chief of the field;; Sheppard was made head cop, with Dunn as assistant. Dunn, however, deserted his post after a while because of the arrival upon the field of some of Houghton's fair ones.

Captains McLaughlin and Signor flipped the coin at 2:45. Mac won and chose the kickoff. The sophomore captain took the south goal. Durkee kicked off at just 2:50 to Reed, who fumbled, and a freshman fell on the ball. Carmer started off with a beautiful run of 20 yards around the end. Maxwell made a yard on a straight buck, and on the next play tried the end, but was downed by Reed with a magnificent tackle on 1902's ten-yard line. More line bucking followed, and after three minutes of play Carmer ran around the end for a touchdown. Durkee failed to kick the goal. Dempsey kicked off to Tuthil, who fumbled, and Reed fell on the ball. Van Allen made five yards through left tackle, and Harwood followed with two more through Lomber. On the next play Reed fumbled, and the ball went to the freshmen. Carmer was downed with no gain. The sophomores took a brace, and squashed the freshmen's plays, forcing Dunkee to punt. The ball went out of bounds, and was taken in 15 yards. Barns and Dempsey gained ten yards by line-bucking. Dempsey punted ten yards, and Moody fell on the ball. Barns, by a dash around end, advanced the ball 20 yards, and Dempsey tried the centre again for 1 more. Barns made another try at the end, but was downed by Landers for a loss. The freshmen got the ball on downs, but lost it immediately. The half ended just as Umpire Andrews penalized the freshmen for off-side play. During the intermission coaches Gilbert and Drummond gave their team a vigorous hauling over the coals, and sent them through new plays, modeled after the Pennsylvania guards back formation, as they pompously stated to "Life's" reporter. The freshmen retired to the dressing room. At this time the Utica-Clinton kid game was resumed, to the great delight of the spectators.

In the second half Dempsey kicked off to Robinson, who fumbled the ball, and Van Allen fell on it. Jenks, on a forma-

tion play, made ten yards. Moody made 5 more on the same play. More plunges by Jenks and Moody tore great holes in the freshmen's line, and at the end of three minutes, Moody was shoved over for a touchdown. Reed kicked the goal. Coaches Gilbert and Drummond came up the side-lines, their faces wreathed in smiles. Durkee kicked off to Van Allen, who advanced it ten yards. Sophomores begin to use their guards—back formation, with great effect, and create havoc in the freshmen's line. Barns tried the end, but was downed with a loss. Other plays were also stopped, and the freshmen take the ball. Barns was injured slightly at this point, but soon resumed. Morris, who had been substituted for Maxwell, gained two yards around left end. Again he tried the same end, but was killed by Dempsey. Here Carmer is slightly hurt. Coach Drummond is put off the field for coaching. Ward and young MacLaughlin suffered next. Carmer made a dash around right end for 5 yards. The next two plays resulted in loss, Carmer being tackled beautifully by Minor. Durkee kicked to Dempsey one yard from the sophs' goal line and Dempsey fumbled. Lomber fell on the ball. Durkee tried the center, but was pushed back. On the next play Carmer skirted the right end for a touchdown. Durkee failed at the goal. Dempsey kicked off to Tut-hill, who fumbled. About a dozen men dash for the ball, and all fumble, besides almost overwhelming Mrs. Benedict and her party, among whom are officer Dunn and coach Gilbert, who has deserted his team for other attractions. Carmer gained ten yards by a straight buck. Durkee and Morris failed to gain, and Durkee punted over the goal lines. Reed kicked out from the twenty-five yard line, and the freshman who caught the ball was downed in his tracks. Carmer and Morris fail to gain, and the ball goes to the sophomores. By successive plunges Barns, Moody and Jenks gained 15 yards. Van Allen, on a cross-buck, gains through for 5 yards. At this point Harwood asks for time. Lomber fell on a fumble, for which Van Allen was responsible. Carmer makes another run, but is downed by Reed with a beautiful tackle, and here the game ended. The freshmen formed a triumphal march, and had a great time. They won fairly.

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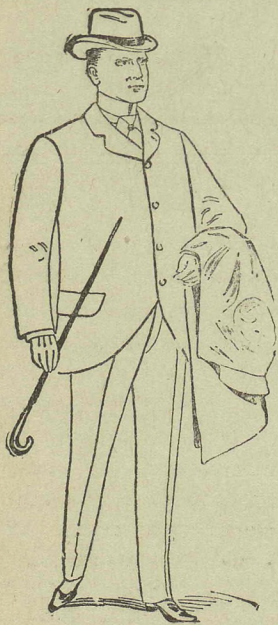
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