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Baseball.

The coming season in baseball points toward a good team. We have the team of last year and also a few new men from the freshman class. Hamilton has, for the last few years, been more or less deficient in baseball, and now that our prospects are bright for this season every opportunity should be utilized to develop our resources to their utmost capacity. Practice began last term and there were about a dozen men who remained here during vacation and worked each day that the weather permitted. We have a coach who is a veteran in baseball and who is very willing to do all that is possible to promote the team. His baseball career covers twenty-three years, and he seems to be well versed in every detail of the game. Every man should take a personal interest in this matter and try to get out as often as possible. We need an efficient scrub. The manager last year suffered by various colleges cancelling their games, so that this season found the balance in the treasury rather small. As new suits are necessary for this year, and also salary for a coach, it is hoped that the College will be on hand with the indispensable financial aid. Since baseball does not draw so large a crowd from outside as other branches of athletics, and as a visiting team of ten or twelve men requires a large guarantee, the necessity for a liberal student subscription is easily seen.

This is the year that we must beat Colgate and Rochester, and thus win the baseball pennant in the inter-collegiate league. A final appeal is made for aid, both on the field and with money.

—President Butler, of Columbia, says that athletes are too much in the public eye, that they rush to the newspapers with their squabbles and their successes, and that their "boyish achievements are lauded like the labors of Hercules."

Advice For Musical Clubs.

We may well be proud of our musical clubs of this year for the successful season they have just closed. They showed that Hamilton was not at all behind other colleges of her size in the quality of her entertainments. With this season's reputation behind them next year's conquests will be easy. But just here, as we are patting ourselves on the back, permit of a few suggestions by way of improvement.

First of all, the musical department should start its work early. Though it may be unprecedented, the election of leaders and manager should take place at once. Leaders elected now could be hunting up pieces and inventing a few "stunts." Last year, when fall term had well advanced, neither club had its full score of music, and much time and money was wasted in the hurry to find good pieces. If, however, the leaders could have all summer for selecting music, the result would be far more satisfactory, and it cannot be too much urged that our music should be of a more purely college character. The criticism which was very generally given last season, especially in Utica, was along this very line. People who come out to hear college men sing and play do not come out to hear a grand opera or a Sousa's band. They are looking for fun and they have a right to believe that thirty college men can always furnish a plentiful supply of that article. The mandolin club had altogether too many soft and slow pieces. The first piece it played was a classical selection, and however good the rendering the reception was always of a low temperature. Something snappy, with a soft part here and there, to furnish pleasant changes, is what is wanted. The opportunities for "stunts" with a mandolin club are almost endless and are always the most enjoyed. So, too, with the glee club. The encores to its classical music were never equal to the applause which greet-

ed the "funny pieces." Let each club have one of these so-called classical pieces, with an encore, just to show to what sublime heights they could rise if they wished, but for the satisfaction of the audience give them something they like.

In closing, just a word to the manager to be. Now is the time to be getting recommendations and newspaper clippings from the places where the clubs have played. Hamilton has not a very big name for its musical clubs, and it is necessary in making dates at new places to have something convincing to show for our good work. Amherst always has quite an elaborate circular and booklet which she sends to her would-be patrons. More than this, the managers of the clubs in other colleges make personal visits to prospective towns and thus secure dates where no arrangement could probably have been made by letter. Most important is the need of having concerts take place in a series of three or four. Such desultory trips as have been taken in past years break up college work altogether too much, to say nothing of the extra and needless expense incurred by the management. By the last of this season it was very evident that the men were losing interest, and in the last concerts neither of the clubs did itself justice. Hereafter let there be a three or four days' trip in the middle of winter term, and a week's trip during the Easter vacation. With such an arrangement the very best possible results could be secured.

Commencement Speakers.

The appointments of commencement speakers were announced much earlier than usual. There are fourteen of them, as follows: Allbright, Arthur, Blakely, Burgess, Courtenay, Harkness, Hunter, Keith, Maxwell, Mills, Owens, Perry, Root and Tate.

—Certainly the last issue of the Lit. was the best ever published.

The Rhodes Scholarships.

At a recent conference at Columbia University of representatives of many colleges and universities of the State of New York, plans were formulated for awarding the Cecil Rhodes scholarships presented to New York state, and a committee was appointed to select candidates. The conference decided that in New York the administration and award of the scholarships shall be under control of a committee of three, selected by heads of the institutions of learning in the state; that they shall be selected for the terms of one, two and three years respectively, and that their successors shall be elected for three years each.

The committee selected and their respective terms of office are: Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, three years; Jacob G. Schurman, President of Cornell University, two years; Rev. Dr. James R. Day, Chancellor of Syracuse University, one year.

It also was decided that the first award for the term of 1904-1905 shall be made probably in January, 1904, and the second scholarship a year later. Each scholarship continues for three years.

Other conditions under which the scholarships will be awarded are:

1. No American student on the Rhodes Foundation will be expected to take up his residence at Oxford until the fall of 1904.
2. Students are to be recommended to Oxford authorities by committees in the State in which they have their legal residence.
3. Social qualities are to be given a large consideration in determining what men shall be sent.
4. Except in rare cases, it will be expected that students shall have completed at least two years of their college course before going to Oxford.
5. Candidates must be at least 24 years of age and unmarried.
6. All candidates will be expected to pass the "Responsions" test examinations, copies of which may be secured in advance.

—W. J. Quinn, '01, professor of German and English literature in Mercersburg Academy, is advisory editor on the weekly paper. F. W. Sippell, '01, professor of Latin and French in the same academy, is advisory business manager.

Baseball.

The baseball team has been handicapped by the wet weather for the past week. However, practice is going on as much as possible.

The outlook is bright for a good team. All of last year's men are on the field with several promising freshmen.

Setley, the coach, is a competent man. He has been connected with league teams for several years and has a good idea of college baseball.

What we need is the co-operation of every man who can play ball and the support of the college to make a winning team.

No man should feel that he has no chance just because he is not immediately put on the "varsity." We need a scrub team just as much as football does. There will be practice games nearly every day later in the season and every fellow will have a chance.

The management has arranged a good schedule and now it lies with the players to win the pennant and glory for Hamilton. Let every man be out to practice *on* time and *every* time, thus giving the coach more time to devote to each man.

This should be a banner year for baseball, as we have the material, but it means hard, consistent work on the part of every man on the field.

The men who have already appeared for positions are: Hunter, Bramley, catchers; Durkee, Soper, Havens, pitchers; Hunter, Judd, first base; Easton, second base; Peet, short stop; White, Stryker, Sicard, Spedic, Le Munyan, third base; Stiles, Farrell, Miller, Ferris, Bennett, field; besides others who intend to try later.

DURKEE '03.

Tenth Root Fellowship.

H. C. Keith has been awarded the Root Fellowship in Science. It is, of course, generally known that it pays \$500 to be used by the appointee in study, either at home or abroad, in some branch of science for which he has shown special aptitude during his college course. It is generally considered the highest honor of the course. The appointment was well made. Keith will probably study in Germany, electing physics for a major subject and mathematics for a minor. He has a thorough, scholarly mind, and is sure to do credit to the College wherever he may go.

Track.

Spring term, by far the pleasantest season of the college year, is already well under way. With spring sports of all descriptions are entered into by every lover of the manly art. Here on this old Hill, there is every environment to make a fellow a lover of sports, and we do love a good contest, be it of whatever description. Always we fellows not only have watched a contest with interest, but have also entered with a will that has made Hamilton famous in its different branches of athletics. Now it is up to us to uphold the high standard our Alma Mater has attained, and the only way we can do this is for every able-bodied man to get out and try his hand at something. Perhaps you will not succeed this year, but in all probability next year, or the year following, you will be a man not only hard to defeat, but also the proud possessor of an H. Don't be a quitter. Work faithfully, and sooner or later you will reap a rich harvest.

The track schedule this year is without a doubt the best and hardest we have ever had. In order to make it a success every man who can do anything on the track must get out and work with a will. We have three hard meets besides our own, and in order to defeat our opponents it means that every candidate must start training at once and work faithfully every day, rain or shine. Let every man be in the pink of condition, and ready for the fray when the meets occur.

JONES '03.

Fencing.

In most respects our gymnasium is well equipped, but there are a few things in which we are lacking. In a recent issue of LIFE appeared an article advocating the erection of a handball board and court. It is the purpose of this article to urge those who have charge of the equipment to provide the gymnasium with the necessary apparatus for fencing. It is entirely unnecessary to point out the advantages and pleasures of fencing, for they are well known to almost everybody. Such an addition would not prove expensive and would be very welcome to most of the students. Few college gymnasiums in the country can be found which do not embrace the apparatus for fencing.

—There are in the higher universities and colleges of our country, about 115,207 men.

Prize Debate and Debaters.

The McKinney Prize Debate question and appointees were announced Friday morning after Chapel. The proposition is well chosen. It is a live and open question and of general interest. It is: "Resolved, That the policy of the Monroe Doctrine is wise and is to be maintained." The affirmative will be upheld by Blakely, Grant and Root. Allbright, Carmer and Hunter will support the negative. The debate promises to be one of more than average merit.

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CUTS.

When College opened last Wednesday, the general topic of conversation was "cuts," and the prevailing tone was one of dissatisfaction. The college body was pleased to notice several corrections that were made later by the faculty. But there is still a feeling that the action of the discipline committee is too severe. The catalogue, in articles 5 and 7, under absences and excuses, certainly does not warrant the stringent measures adopted this spring. At least two of the seniors, who are on a half allowance, had not taken an overcut previous to winter term, and then took only one overcut each, and that not maliciously. It is the general sentiment that such men should be treated more leniently. Would such a man be severely treated in the business world? Assuredly not. Now there is hardly a man in college who would advocate rules less strict or could suggest practical rules more equitable than those in the catalogue covering this question. But this latest disciplinary scheme is in accord with neither the letter nor the spirit of the rules on pages 32 and 33 of the catalogue. The college body is not in the habit of complaining without reason.

A DEPARTURE.

Prof. Wood has introduced a new departure in the junior American History class. He has assigned to each member of the class some important man or measure prominent in the period under study for the term, and every man is so thoroughly to familiarize himself with his topic that he can give any information upon the subject to the class any day. This scheme is a change from reports and has this advantage over them that it requires a more general

and thorough knowledge of the topic and gives the entire class the benefit of all the reports. The scheme has been greeted with favor by the class and should prove a new attraction to history study in Hamilton.

"THE MAIL SCHEDULE."

The mail leaves at "any old time" and returns later. This is the excellent schedule provided by the carriers. So mindful are they of the convenience of the fellows that they seek to give them a mail service which is regular only in its irregularity. It is true that consistency is a virtue and consistent, inconsistency may have its value; but it is hard to derive satisfactory conclusions when you attempt to figure out the value received from the present irregular, dilatory un-systematic apology for a system which governs the delivery of the mail.

IN spite of rumors and emphatic assertions in several Syracuse papers that Sweetland would continue to coach the Syracuse football team next fall, Hamilton has been safe in believing that "Sweet" would keep his word when he promised the manager that he would come here. A contract has been made and Sweetland has signed, so that we are sure of having our old friend and coach with us.

"CRIBBING."

The freshman who took "cribs" into their examinations in Bible and other subjects at the end of last term mistake the nature of their crime. It is a crime. They are not wholly to blame. We older students misled them by speaking lightly of such things and they thought it was the regular procedure. But it is not. We who laugh loudest at the stories of "cribbing" handed down from a generation ago, think deeply about the matter and we oppose it. The sentiment of the student body is against cheating; against dishonesty of any kind. This "cribbing" matter is with the students. It is for us to discourage it. The time has gone by when Hamilton students will permit dishonesty in athletics, and surely we are not behind in branding dishonesty in scholarship.

Now we are not blaming the freshmen who stole their way into spring term. They did not know better. But we have this to say to you freshmen: "Don't boast any more about it. It is your shame; and ours, too. Don't be

proud of it. The first time was a mistake, but don't let it happen again. Your college course is not worth your time if you must steal it. If you repeat the offense (and you won't now you know it is an offense) you will forfeit every right to the comradeship of your fellow students. And let us suggest, not as a threat, but as an opinion—You will be frozen out of Hamilton College; clear out, so you won't be able to come back. There is no room for a student thief on College Hill.

Spring Athletics.

We are entering upon a term when we shall need more men for athletics than during any other term, because we are supporting two branches of athletics at the same time. The baseball and track managers have secured excellent schedules, including games and meets in which we shall have to bring every ounce of muscle and spirit to bear in order to capture the awards. Our baseball schedule is so arranged as to call for a couple more strong pitchers and every position is open to every candidate till some one proves himself pre-eminently fitted for his place. And what we need more than anything else this year in baseball is ability to hit the ball effectively. Our fielding is generally gilt-edge, but we need men who are good for a hit when they walk to the plate, to win our games.

In track, we lost some very valuable men last year, and we must have some one to fill the places now vacant.

We need men who can do the hurdles in good fast style; some one to take Webster's place with the shot, and more men for the runs.

There is every prospect in the world of our landing both pennants this spring if we but get right down to it and play the game for all we're worth. That means that every man who has ever tried to do anything on the track, or has any idea that he can do anything, should get out and let "Uncle John" develop his abilities.

Vacation Reflections.

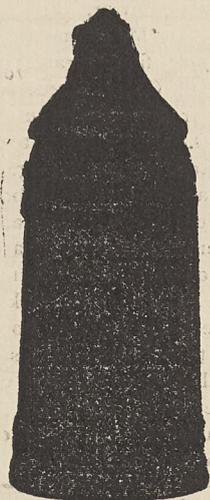
If the freshmen were taking essay work of Prof. Post, one of their subjects would be, "How I spent my vacation." Whether we are obliged to write an essay or not, nevertheless we all look back upon the vacation week, and rack our brains to discover how we spent it.

A number of unfortunates received their little billet-doux from the clerk and then spent a profitable vacation, intellectually. Some of these fellows delved into the lore of knowledge which they had barely dipped into during the past term, as Bible, Rhetoric, French sentences, Economics, etc. Others, particularly freshmen, were seized with a craving to know more about Livy or Homer, and other substantial subjects. These fellows, after devoting personal research to their studies for a week, flocked into the professor's on Tuesday and discoursed on all this knowledge they had acquired during this week of vacation and rest.

Other aspiring litterateurs groaned, sweated and pulled hair over those prize orations and essays which they had to get in to Prex. on Wednesday before 11:60 o'clock. For Prex. would have used the other sides of those precious orations to write his sermons on if they were shoved in at his office door at 11:61 or after.

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College Notes.

—Pratt '06 has left college.

—Dickinson '05 has returned to college.

—Kelly ex-'05 has entered the freshman class.

—The freshmen are slow in getting their class caps.

—Tennant has returned to college and entered the junior class.

—“Dick” and “Nelse” Drummond visited the hill this week.

—Millham '01 visited the Hill a few days during the past week.

—Root '03 had a narrow escape in getting in his K. P. Wednesday.

—The seniors make their first appearance in cap and gown tomorrow.

—Remington and Knox object to a dink notice being dated April 1.

—Now for the track and diamond. Every candidate should be in training.

—An unusually large number of orations and essays were handed to “Prex.”

—“Prex” spent the vacation in breaking a colt. All great men have their hobbies.

—The Teachers' Institute in Clinton has brought a number of visitors to the Hill this week.

—Prof. Wood addressed a patriotic meeting at the Watertown Y. M. C. A. on March 29.

—“Prex.” preached in Binghamton last Sunday, and Monday morning made an address to the students of the High School.

—Next year the College should see a good advertising pamphlet issued for the musical clubs.

—There was the usual number of “flunks” during the last “exam.” week but only two men flunked out.

—Blakely, Burgess, Keith, Mills and Root, are the first five men of 1903 to be elected into Phi Beta Kappa.

—There were an unusual number of calls on “Prex” last Wednesday indicating well expended spring energy.

—Messrs. Strickland and Ehret rendered several selections at a concert in the Stone Church on March 20.

—Rood '06 and Bennett '06 succumbed to the recent attack of examinations. Sorry to lose them.

—William Miller Collier '89 has been appointed by the President to the position of Assistant Attorney General.

—Quite a remarkable bunch of freshmen. Only three who were unable to swim could be found by Uncle John.

—“Bill” Squires is starting a very interesting course in Psychology for the juniors who have elected his work this term.

—Columbia is to lead the procession in the “get wise quick” method of education by shortening the course to three years.

—The Hamilton Alumni Association of Central New York will give a banquet at the Arcanum Temple, Utica, on April 20.

—Cars were stalled for almost four hours Wednesday evening because of damage done the wires during a thunder shower.

—Work on the track and on the baseball field has now begun in earnest, and the prospects for both branches this term are good.

—“Stink” accused Remington of wearing an expression which betokened a super-abundance of the knowledge of chemistry.

—The clerk of the faculty had to employ several assistants in order to send out notices of reductions in cuts for spring term.

—A baseball game is now being arranged between Utica Free Academy and Auburn High School, to be played some time in May.

—Freshmen canes were distributed last Wednesday morning. They are very light and have a silver marking plate, though no numeral appears on them. Perhaps they preferred to wait until after Latin exams., when they could be sure that they belonged to '06.

—C. Keeney has entered the freshman class to take the work of this term. He was at Cornell until the recent sickness, and expects to return there next fall.

—It is rumored that the faculty are lowering the standard of high honor on the ground that the marking has become closer in the last two or three years.

—Toward the end of last term there was a great slump in attendance at morning Chapel on the part of the faculty. Really, it was almost up to Professor Post at one time.

—Abbott and Munson are named as markers for next year. Good luck to them, and may they have pity on the poor mortals below them and not mark them absent when they are present.

—The musical club manager has on hand pictures of the club which can be obtained at \$0.75 each. As he is personally responsible for them, he urges that each man procure his picture at once.

—You can glean from the 1903 *World's* almanac that Hamilton has graduated altogether 2,645 men, of whom 1,900 are still living. It says that Austin Smith, '26, of Westfield, N. Y., is the oldest living graduate.

—Syracuse, Cornell, Colgate, Keuka and Hamilton, were represented last night in the New York State Prohibition Society's intercollegiate oratorical contest. Dewey Carter, '04, represented Hamilton. O. M. Demcott, of Kenka College took first award and G. O. Tamblin, of Colgate received second. The winner will compete May 21 at Wooster, O., in the interstate contest.

—If we are to have a college book store why not have one where a book can be found when needed? Usually a very limited number of copies are ordered, and consequently a large number of fellows have to do without books, often for several weeks. A college book store is expected to keep all necessary college books on hands so that one can be obtained even on short notice. It is needless to say that such a condition does not exist at present.

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Baseball in the Colleges.

It gives much pleasure to a great many of the older college men in the East to see an evident revival in interest in baseball at all the large colleges and universities. For three or four years baseball, which is pre-eminently the national sport of the country, has played a part secondary in importance to football. The latter has had attached to it an artificial importance that it never really deserved when the merits of the games are considered impartially.

One reason for the success of football, so far as the enormous crowds are concerned, is that it happens to be played at a season of the year which makes it possible to render attendance as much an outdoor society function as because of any overwhelming love for the sport.

College graduates of Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania and Columbia, of Amherst, Cornell, Trinity, Wesleyan, Williams and a score and more of other educational centres, have deplored frequently the indifference of present day undergraduates to the tradition of their colleges so far as baseball is concerned.

Not so many years ago the names of the famous college players were almost as well known by all the youngsters of the land as the names of the leading professional players. Indeed, as a rule, the college men were usually greater heroes in the eyes of Young America than were the men who made a living out of the game.

That is the most encouraging part of amateur sport. With the rising generation believing that games can be contested for genuine pleasure and recreation, without an ever present sense of winning at any cost, means in the long run a conviction that sport can be indulged in for its own sake. Then it becomes amusement, not a task.

The colleges owe to baseball their hearty support, not only because it is most pleasant and healthy exercise, but for the reason that it is the national game of a great country. They practically control its amateur status and because of that should keep carefully in touch with it. More than one college graduate will be glad to see more baseball, wholly from a sentimental standpoint.—*From New York Evening Telegram.*

—The recreation period, which was held by Prof. Post in the Hall of Philosophy throughout last term at noon on Saturdays, has been discontinued.

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