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The Football Season.

The captain and coach of the football team of 1901 had a task set before them more difficult and discouraging than any football problem we have ever had to meet. With the loss of six veteran players from the class of 1901, three backs, the two tackles and the right end, with an utter dearth of 'varsity material in college discovered or promising, with hopes and expectations for a glory which should eclipse that of 1900, on the part of the alumni who were absolutely ignorant of football and of conditions here, and who were continually vociferating their expectations and their "why-don't-you-do-this?" With the standard of the last season set for them to equal, a season which was played to its brilliant success by a team of experts, who knew scientific football in theory and from experience, team work and the fine points of their individual positions, as no eleven we ever had knew those things, in which there was an absolute mutual confidence and support and which kept intact throughout the season, the prospect for 1901 must have almost staggered the captain and coach when they took their preliminary survey of the task and the resources they were to have to meet that task. That they accomplished such wonders is nothing short of marvelous, and is an achievement which ensures to their honor and credit and to the praise of the men who backed them up. They met defeat, discouragement, exasperations, with a boldness, a determination, a perseverance that should make us off with our hats to them when we pass. Only the inside few who shared their confidence will know the whole story of their trial and their struggle.

The preliminary games developed the weakness and the weaknesses of the team. The team lacked "fight," they were too careful of their opponents, too anxious to play a "gentlemanly" game, so anxious, in fact, that their conduct was ladylike. They didn't realize that

to keep an opponent away from their runner they must knock him down. The line men throughout the season failed to use their hands and elbows. The backs couldn't put out ends and opposing half-backs, evidently being afraid of hurting somebody. The team was slow in starting and getting the jump. Fifty times a day the coaches indicated these weak points, and by instruction and example strove to remedy—mostly to no avail. The tackles were inexperienced and learned slowly. On offense they failed to box and on defense submitted to be put out of the play; and they never got down on punts. Ward was moved out to tackle, finally, and some improvement was effected thereby. Davis was tried at guard, and as a part of the landscape he was a huge success, but he could never get the idea into his head that his strength and weight were to be used occasionally during the progress of the game. Gilbert found his position at last at right guard, where he played a strong, steady game. At guard he was more confident than at tackle. Lambert was the despair of every one who tried to teach him anything. Strong as a bull, ready, willing, conscious of his own defects, nevertheless his mental processes were not rapid enough. He was slow to start, slow to make up his mind as to what he should do; and therein lies the secret of his downfall. In the Colgate game he ran well with the ball and once or twice made some good interference for Peet, and at the beginning he stopped some fierce mass plays directed at him; but he made few tackles, was easily handled, failed to get down on punts, and was so slow that Capt. Drummond at times was forced to seize him bodily by the jersey and drag him from his place on the line of scrimmage to his position in the formations.

Ward played a star game at Cornell, and then suffered a decline. His injury and his unfamiliarity with his position handicapped him greatly, no doubt,

but his game this year suffers severely in comparison with his playing of other years. He never got down on punts, was too slow to help form interference, and in the Colgate and Williams games he was boxed handily on nearly every end run. He ran with the ball well at times, but generally he started so slowly that he was tackled in his tracks and made his gain only by dragging two or three opponents with him for his yard or two.

Blakely at centre was as steady as a rock, passing the ball with never a mistake, and holding down his openings in good shape. He was slow in getting the jump and failed to use his hands, as a result he was often charged effectively by smaller opponents. But Blake is a good man in the centre, faithful, devoted, reliable.

Wills played a good game at guard, although for a man who has played in the line as long as he, he understands fewer tricks and makes less use of his hands than any other man we know. He was one of the best and most frequent tacklers on the team, "cut over" well, and generally played horse with his man; although the fault common to all the line men, failure to get the jump, was so characteristic of him that on several occasions, especially in the Colgate game, he was completely knocked out of the play by his opponent's charge. He ran powerfully with the ball and was one of the best ground gainers on the team, starting quickly and hard. The centre trio were generally a veritable stone wall to attack and they caused very little anxiety to anyone. Wills, Blakely and Gilbert were usually depended on, and not vainly, to do their "diddy."

Naylor, at right end, is an example to Hamilton College of what pluck and nerve and spirit in a small body can do. It is joy to a captain's heart to have such a man on the team, to give moral as well as physical support to his efforts. Always cheering, encouraging, aiding,

during the game, tackling swiftly and surely, running back punts and kick-off, always with the ball, sure to fall on a fumble, his playing did Hamilton good to behold. Although bruised and battered until he could hardly stand, he played his consistent game and never complained. His lightness did not avail, unaided, to break the interference of Williams and Cornell, but the fault was never his.

Tommie, at quarter, as a whole generalised the team well. He ran back punts in good shape and was a fairly sure tackler. His failure to leave his feet at critical times, however, cost touchdowns. Sherman, who took Tommie's place after Tommie's accident put him out of the game, needs about forty pounds more to be an All-American quarter-back. The game he has played this season fills every Hamilton man with pride. He never made a mistake of play, and never lost his nerve—and that's enough to say of any man.

DeVotie was somewhat of a disappointment. At times Dick would make a hair-raising tackle and save a touchdown, and at times would bring the side lines into the air by some terrific plunge through centre; but his work was discouraging. He was almost useless backing up a line and was responsible for many a long gain around our right side. Everyone feels that Dick can play a better game.

□ Strickland's great fault was a tendency to run back with the ball, a mistake which caused him to be dumped for a loss many a time. He backed up the line in good shape in most of the games, and on the whole played a good, steady game. Mangan, his substitute, was Strickland's superior in many respects, in tackling especially, but Jack couldn't seem to learn to put out an end. Jack played better this year than he ever did before, and he must learn to eradicate this one defect.

To attempt to do justice to Peet's playing were folly. We never had such a man in the back field in our whole football history. We have never seen such a great half-back anywhere. Dave was elected captain of the team of 1902, his senior year. Our football fortunes are secure next year.

Captain Drummond, at left end, is without doubt, one of the greatest ends in the country today. He and Peet, with the field to display their talents, would easily make the All-American team, in our opinion. Throughout the season he

was captaining the team and practically playing two positions, and this with two sprained ankles and with injured elbows and shoulders. His example to his team has been faultless; his management, in face of all the exasperating and discouraging difficulties which he had to meet, has been skillful and plucky beyond expression. It is safe to say that no one in his circumstances could have done so well. He deserves Hamilton's full praise and thanks.

Post developed well and disappointed neither the expectations of captain or coach. He played a clever game at end, and substituted DeVotie at full back in creditable shape. He is a man of more than ordinary promise.

Carter played well, both on offense and defense, although handicapped by injuries early in the season, he played a plucky game and promises good material.

Slaughter, tho slow on offense, was of great good in defensive work, playing a strong, steady, heady game.

Dowling and Speh, although crude, have the grit and makings of strong men in the line.

Jones, the most promising man of the squad, suffered from dislocation of the shoulder and was thus incapacitated. His was a spirit that could not be downed, and he rendered valuable aid to the coach on development of the scrub and general work.

Evans was an excellent substitute at either end, playing a hardy offensive game and a hard defensive game, tackling fiercely in the open. With more training he will develop into a formidable candidate.

For the financial success of the season, we are indebted to the efforts of Manager Collins. He, with the invaluable assistance and advice of Congressman Sherman, has carried the season and schedule thus to a glorious end, namely, a balance in the treasury after paying for considerable equipments, a thing which heretofore has been considered impracticable. With the support of the college, he in turn supported the team and acquitted himself to his undying credit.

And now what have we accomplished? We have for the fourth consecutive year prevented our old rivals, Colgate, from scoring, beaten them by a larger score than last year, and amused ourselves during the last ten minutes of the game by trying drop-kicks from the field. We have whipped the best team Trinity ever

turned out, and were only prevented from whitewashing them by an official's roast. We have played Columbia to a standstill, stopped with a loss every attempt of the famous Weeks to run our end, and we came so near beating them every man in the stands was scared. We have trimmed Hobart and Clarkson and the strong school teams that met us in the early fall. Our two bad defeats were received at the hands of Cornell and Williams. In both these games our team was so badly crippled that it was almost suicidal to begin play. We expected Cornell to win, but the large score was due to the absence of Capt. Drummond and the temporary character of the team's composition. We couldn't have won from Williams, but a close game would have resulted if our men had been in any condition to play. That record is gratifying when we consider all things.

It was impossible, with the team this fall, to have a season like that of 1900. It will be some time before we will get a team which will equal that eleven. We labored under great difficulty in the loss of those six veterans, and we had no men to take their places. To every small college comes some such year as this, when it loses a lot of star men in a bunch and has no material upon which to draw. Next year things will come our way. We have bridged the gap very satisfactorily; but give the credit to the coach and captain, who labored night and day at this superhuman task. With possible misunderstanding and meagre reward to greet their efforts, they labored on for the old college, to keep her head up, *and they did it.*

We got out a larger scrub than ever before. Commend their sacrifice and their spirit. Shake hands with them, every one. They are the stuff that makes Hamilton proud and great.

We inaugurated the system of graduate coaches to assist the regular coach. Kelsey, '98, Stowell, Drummond and McLaughlin, '01, have all, at various times, come back to coach the team for important games.

In all this where's the loss, and where not the gain?

Now let's all get together to help Dave next year. If there's a man in college who has any football in him, let him get into a suit the first day. This fall there were at least two juniors, one sophomore, and a whole bunch of freshmen, whom we can think of offhand, who can play football, who are 'varsity material,

and who didn't even show up in a suit. This won't do. The college knows who these men are, and these men will feel this college sentiment in some way or another before their college course ends. We owe our talent to our college. Let every crowd get its men out next year—we need them all and should get them all, without importunity, without persuading, without nagging. Everybody should do his duty, and not allow substitutes to do it for him. Three cheers for the team of 1901! Three cheers for the team of 1902!

Coach Rymer.

To a man who knows nothing about the inside difficulties, the frequent disappointments and the qualification necessary for the position of football coach, he appears as a man who talks occasionally and draws his salary. But to those who could foresee the future such a task as Rymer found awaiting him on his return this fall seemed insuperable. The graduate of another college, he came here, abandoning his law studies because he liked the place and the college. His health did not permit him to enter into and take part in the game as he should have liked to do and no one was more disappointed about it than he was. Suffering from frequent attacks of water on the knee, he felt keenly his inability to get into the game and point out defects by personal example. He had an inexperienced team to commence with, and in general the college seemed to expect that he could make out of these raw recruits as good a team as last year's. That he succeeded in turning out the eleven that he did is a wonder to those who knew and understood how hard the task was. He had to labor, as many realize, without receiving the proper support he should have had from the college in order to carry out his plans. Outside of the team the men didn't help him along enough. The college must learn to show a personal interest by assisting the captain and the coach every day. Sweetland, Kelsey, Dick and Esty came here at different times and encouraged and assisted him.

The college can not thank these men enough—these coaches every one of them—who spent their money and their time for Hamilton College. If any man thinks that fault ought to be found anywhere, let him step in and try and do what these men have done. "They could do no more." Let the college give them its thanks, and to them render all due appreciation.

Rymer, as head coach, did all that any man could do under the circumstances; he goes away from a grateful college; always cheery and hopeful, he has won a place in our hearts which time cannot erase. Here's to every college yell for Rymer, with a hearty "God-speed."

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IN ORDER that there may be no misunderstanding as to the reasons why a three weeks' vacation at Christmas is desired, we will attempt to give as briefly as possible the main arguments urged in favor of the change.

As the calendar now stands, some men must leave home before or on New Year's day in order to reach here before the opening of college. This is especially true of men who live some distance away. Christmas and New Year's day are the two holidays which every one desires to spend at home. It is the time of reunions and merry-making, and if these days are missed we come back feeling that the vacation has been broken up at the very time when we most preferred to stay where we were. The weather is better, there is more going on, our friends are on a similar vacation and everything is conducive to all-round pleasant recreation.

The athletic teams also offer a good reason for desiring this holiday period lengthened; the football squad has worked hard and faithfully, they need the rest more now than they do at the close of winter term; the track team cannot go home at Easter anyway, and under the present schedule they would have but two weeks vacation during the entire year.

As to the argument that delinquents have too little time to make up work, we answer that if one week is allowed in the spring the man will spend his entire time here on the hill, in order to prepare for his coming examination. On the contrary, if two weeks are given he will spend the first week at home and come back expecting to be able to make

up his work in two or three days. We submit that it is far better for him to remain here where nothing will draw his mind away, than to spend the greater part of vacation in doing absolutely nothing.

We do not, as a rule, believe that the faculty, individually, care much which plan is adopted, so that the question narrows down to the wishes of the student body; as for them, they have already signified by an almost unanimous vote that the scheme here proposed is preferable. A committee was appointed at the meeting of the college last Saturday, not over a half dozen being absent, which will present this matter to the faculty at its next meeting. For the interests of all concerned, we believe that three weeks during the holidays and one week at Easter ought to be the unanimous decision.

THE resignation of Dr. North from the professorship of Greek in Hamilton College recalls the history of the life of a man who has observed and taken part in the active workings of this institution for the last fifty-seven years. Without being fulsome or resorting to flattery, we can say truly that there is no alumnus living whose life has been so devoted and faithful to the interests of this old hillside.

Here he has spent his life. This college was his alma mater and he has been the model of filial devotion. Always having the interests of the student body at heart, sympathetic in the extreme, tender-hearted and kind, he has played an eventful and worthy part in making this place what it has now become. He has seen it grow from a single group of buildings to its present combination of groups. He has watched with care the administration of five presidents, himself serving as acting president for a short time.

His alma mater is his pride and his ambition is to make her greater. His course in Greek was one of the most interesting, because of its instructor, that this college has known. His extended knowledge and careful reading has made him a master of his adopted language. He furnishes to each incoming class yearly its Greek motto. His *Alumniana* in the *Hamilton Literary Magazine* has been the drawing card for alumni in that publication ever since he took up the work. Scholarly, polished in address, true-hearted, noble, kind and considerate, a devotee and a patri-

arch of his chosen and beloved mother, she now expresses the deepest regret that he feels constrained to leave his post on account of advancing years. But if long and faithful service has its reward in a relief from active labor, we grant him his request without complaining. Long life and a full reward to "Old Greek" is the wish of HAMILTON LIFE.

ONE of the most important branches of our college course is one which is most often neglected—the prize essay work. Because this is not compulsory and is left to the good judgement of the students themselves, all but a very few pass it by on the plea of lack of time, inability, or some other like excuse. Any man who says he hasn't time is sure to be the one who has the most of it, if he only knew how to employ it. We always notice that the men who have the most to do are always the ones who find time for everything. The proper and economical use of time is one of the most important lessons that a man has to learn, and right here in college is the best place to begin your lesson—here, where you are, for the first time perhaps, entirely under your own command. And the plea of inability is even more groundless than this. Inability is a necessary evil to beginners, but it is an evil by no means incurable. You cannot expect to write English well by reading what others have written; you may consume text books on rhetoric without limit and still be unable to put your thoughts into clear, forcible words.

Besides, prize essays afford far greater advantages than do the essays of the Chapel stage. They necessitate, of course, a far broader view of the subject; a more careful arrangement of material in logical sequence; more of self and less of encyclopedia; in a word they require of a man all the literary ability he has, and bring him, as nothing else can, to the realization of his weakness or his strength. This year the subjects assigned are, without exception, excellent. Those for the freshmen, as usual, call for a skillful presentation of facts obtained mostly from outside sources, but at the same time admit of the writer's putting much of himself into the writing. The sophomores have especially good subjects. "The Beginning of the Newspaper," follows out the purpose of the freshman subjects, while "The Literature of the Garden" affords an especially good opportunity for original thought

and deduction, and at the same time brings one into acquaintance with a number of valuable and interesting books.

This year, *make* time to write an essay; test your ability and see what you are; do your best, and then if you don't get the prize, see if you do not concur with the sentiment of one of our professors that one of the greatest benefits of your college course was obtained from the prize essay that you did not take.

The New Memorial Window.

On the north side of the Chapel has been placed a memorial window for the late Dr. Hopkins. This new addition recalls many reminiscences of the man who for so many years played a prominent part in the life of Hamilton College. The present senior class was the last one to receive instruction from this man whom all loved and respected. His sudden illness was a surprise and a shock to the entire community, and his demise brought sorrow, not only to the college, but to the entire community. The window is a fitting memorial of a noble and exemplary life. To those who have been fortunate enough to know him personally, a reminder is unnecessary. He lives to them in a place more lasting than tinted glass arranged in walls of stone; but to those who knew him not, it tells the story of something lost.

"Clubs are Trumps."

A third club has been started, viz., the "Cercle Français," which will form another link between faculty and students. It meets fortnightly at Professor and Mrs. Shepard's. The Science Club was inaugurated last week at Professor and Mrs. Morrill's. The German Club has been now running fifteen years.

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College Notes.

- Beach, '04, is home on a visit.
- The Board of Trust met this week.
- Sliding has improved the past day or so.
- The seniors got a cut in Dutch Thursday.
- We understand that Square is soon to take unto himself a wife.
- Hotchkiss does not think much of Bosworth's ability as a steersman.
- Judge Chauncey Truax was with us at chapel Wednesday morning.
- Who is the freshman that asked Peter Kelly if he was a Republican?
- Stink says that the only thing you can get pure in Clinton is common salt.
- Windy tells of favorable places where the sophs might meet their sweethearts.
- We see that Farrell, '05, has joined the "tash" brigade and has already attained a fair start.
- Some of the fellows ought to respect the rights of others more than they do in the Reading Room.
- The lecture course, which Prof. Robinson is giving the sophomores in Latin, is very interesting.
- The unfortunates in Snitzie's first sentence exam, had another opportunity to try their luck last Monday.
- It is easy to pick out the football men nowadays; they are the ones who are doing most of the smoking.
- These are the sort of mornings

when a fellow delights to wake up and find that his fire has gone out.

—Thursday morning Prof. Robinson outlined the elective work he intended to give the sophomores next term.

—Farey, '05, through the kindness of some of his soph. neighbors in Old South, got a shave and hair cut gratis.

—At the communion service last Sunday, Toll, '04, and Maxwell, '03, were formally made deacons of the college church.

—Now we are looking forward to Thanksgiving, and after Thanksgiving, reviews, then exams, and Christmas vacation.

—There was a gay old rough-house in the lower hall of North the early part of the week. Broken door panels, etc., tell the story.

—Ratsy White surprises his classmates and Hank White with his extraordinary facial contortions during Bible last Monday.

—Stowell, '05, must have had suicidal intentions when he threw kerosene on his fire Sunday morning. Has she gone back on you, Harley?

—Nick told the sophomores that if he gave out the same lesson in Math, a second time they would spend their time in playing cards instead of bohning.

—Pritchett, '04, has taken the contract to cut down and remove all trees for anyone who might desire such work done, at the rate of twenty-five cents each.

—Quite a delegation from college went into Utica to see Mary Mannering in "Jannice Meredith." They all report a fine time and a good play well presented.

—A small row between three or four sophomores and the same number of freshmen took place in front of the gymnasium on Tuesday afternoon. The sophs seemed victorious.

—Secretary Root, in giving a cannon to Hamilton College from the government, only makes a slight return for the big guns old Hamilton has given to the country.—Syracuse *Herald*.

—We are just beginning to realize the benefits of our new walk. It is a pleasant relief to strike civilized walking after trudging through the poorly shoveled paths about the campus.

—Hayes, '05, got "balled up" in elocution in attempting to deliver, "Send it to the public halls," and spieled it, "Send it to the music halls." We leave it to you where he was the night before.

—Some of the fellows tried skeeing on

the crust of the snow. It's a great sport and there's no reason why we should not enjoy ourselves in that direction as conditions are favorable most all winter.

—A couple of the fellows have taken up our suggestion and are placing lights out in the dormitory balls. When this is once started more of the fellows will follow, as the benefits of this small trouble are so obvious.

—We have a fellow feeling for the HAMILTON LIFE, the weekly publication of Hamilton College, N. Y., in its lack of a cover. It only goes to prove that a cover isn't absolutely necessary for a good paper.—Senior, Westerly, R. I.

—The snow row after noon chapel Saturday afforded quite a little excitement for a few moments. The freshmen outnumbered the sophomores two to one, but for some reason were unwilling to rush their opponents, preferring to stick to snowball tactics.

—Basket-ball practice has begun and about a score of candidates for the 'varsity came out. Some good material in the two lower classes appeared. Capt. McLaughlin will not be in the game for a little while on account of injuries he received in the Williams game this fall.

—Now that football is over, and as most of the ponds and creeks are frozen, it would seem that it would be a good stunt to have the plunge sufficiently heated so that it could be used for bathing and swimming. It seems too bad to let such a profitable thing as the plunge lay idle, when it is possible to heat it and have all enjoy it.

Cross-Country Runs.

It is not too early to begin to think of work preparatory to the spring track meet. The fall meet, though disappointing in the fact that no conspicuously strong men were brought out in the freshmen class, was nevertheless gratifying in that it proved the possibility of improvement in our track athletics. The enthusiasm and earnestness shown were exceedingly encouraging, and augured well for next spring.

Not to go into details, suffice it to say, that our shedule in the spring will be a hard one to carry out successfully.

It has been suggested and urged by some that a cross-country team should be organized and that weekly or bi-weekly runs be taken. This has been agitated in former years and has met with some success, though it has

never been sufficiently supported as to realize any far-reaching or permanent good. In order to make such an undertaking profitable and enjoyable a number of men must consent to give up a certain amount of time—and invest in a few shares of work. A cross-country club can be successfully managed in this college. There is no reason why runs with nearby teams can not be arranged for and the sport made lively by competition.

Now that we no longer hear the shouts of the 'varsity and scrub upon the grid-iron, we can with propriety turn our thoughts and energy to the gymnasium. During the winter months, under the direction of our athletic coach, at least two exhibitions will be given. One will be more of the nature of an indoor meet. Records were established last year; and in addition it may be said, several new contests will be introduced, including running and pole vaulting. "Uncle John" is determined to surpass the exhibition which was so admirably and successfully carried out by him last winter, and we may confidently trust in his ability to fulfill his word when he announces that the college will enjoy a rare treat in February.

There are hidden treasures in the muscles of the new men. The prettiest pearl is often found in the ugliest shell. A man never knows his ability until he has actually learned it by experiment. The athletes of this college are going to give their support to our mater in the months that are coming, and when spring rolls around again "the old man" will send out from her walls a team that will make his heart swell with joy and pride.

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