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## Freshmen Stay!

As last year, so again this year, it behooves us to speak out emphatically against this mad rush for home-bound trains immediately after the last exam. Unless a fellow has an imperative call home it is his privilege and duty to stick to the old Hill through Commencement week. His privilege, because of the education and enjoyment which the gala week affords him. His duty, because of the services he can render in entertaining the "old boys" as they return for the third, fifth, tenth, twentieth, aye and thirtieth anniversaries.
To freshmen and sophomores Life offers special advice to "take in" Commencement week. Seniors and juniors are practically obliged to stay, the former to manipulate their own show and the latter to get pointers and ideas for their own debut next year.

But underclassmen cherish the false notion that they are neither needed nor are under obligations to stay through Commencement. It is difficult to convince both a homesick freshman and a heartsick sophomore that they are missing half their college course by cutting the doings of Commencement week, but it is so. A freshman imagines that he and the other hundred and ninetynine college fellows whom he meets every morning streaming into Chapel, and the professors who drill the lessons into him, and Peter and Madam Kelly, constitute the whole college.

Stay, oh, stay, you freshmen and sophomores, and behold the multitude of alumni who pour back to this beloved hill and who live over again for a few hours the jolly, rollicking days "in our time," as they say. It will make your bload tingle and your breast swell as you catch the infectious spirit of college loyalty that is in the air that week.
'Tis then that you become aware that a host of Hamilton's sons have had their eyes on their Alma Mater this past year and have been watching with keen in-
terest Hamilton's fortunes on the gridiron, on track and diamond. Yes fellows, you have a feeling that these lads who have passed off the field of action, are still here in spirit and are watching us carry on the fight.

Thus, your circle of vision widens, you see college life from a higher peak after passing through the experiences of Commencement week. Therefore, fellows, freshmen, sophomores and juniors, stay and give the "old grads" the glad hand of cordial welcome.

## The New Lit.

The first issue of the Lit. under the new board of editors comes out today. Many decided changes have been made. The size of the sheet is enlarged to more rectangular proportions, with uncut edges. The cover is entirely changed in design and color and is to be uniform throughout the year. The printed matter has more room on the page and has been slightly rearranged. Beginning with the October number the advertising department will be considerably increased and the contributed contents of the magazine made more extensive. Then, too, with all these changes in the book itself, the price of the publication is reduced to one dollar per year, which places it on a truer comparative basis with other magazines of the country of similar character and purpose.

With these radical and, it seems, very timely changes, the Lit. should enter upon a new era of expansion and prosperity. The magazine is much more attractive, more convenient and not so impoverishing to the purse. Every man in College can afford to take it. It is to be sent to every public school and library in the state and to all public institutions of similar character. Thus it is hoped that it will find an introduction into a field it has not previously touched, and that its influence will broaden in all possible directions. It is a good change and one that was needed.

## The Hall of Commons.

Whether or not our new Hall of Commons, fully equipped and furnished for two hundred men, will be running next fall is still a matter of conjecture with the student body. The question has been before the College for the past month, but seems no nearer solution now than when first suggested. "Prex" maintains that he cares not whether the Commons is in operation or idle, that whatever is decided upon, the College will neither make nor lose on the venture. The Hall is there and he, in behalf of the College offers it free to any body of men who wish to take it. These men, if they accept his offer, must be prepared to guarantee to the College the payment of all expenses connected with the heating and lighting of the structure. This is a fair proposition. That the crowds on the Hill are backward about accepting such an offer, which means a radical change in their present mode of living, is but natural, Every person is averse to any change. But there is one advantage to be reaped from a common eating hall which as yet has not been universally recognized.

Without doubt every Hamilton man who has worked to land men for this College has more than once been confronted by the unsurmountable obstacle that we have practically no means by which a poor student may work for his board. Of course we have a few scholarships, but this is not sufficient aid for a man without resources. He must also be placed in a position where he can earn his living, to make a college course possible for him. The Hall of Commons offers the easiest solution for this enigma. This Hall, when running full blast, will give an opportunity for the employment of ten or twelve worthy men who otherwise could not consider college. Think of the immense possibilities such an arrangement would afford. No more would we have to watch other colleges snap up the men we were rushing, for
we could meet these competitors on their own ground. It would give us the much needed opportunity for inducing those good athletes, whom we are losing every year, to come to us. We could meet these men with a sound business proposition which would exert a great influence on their final decision. Other colleges practice this to a very large extent. When they find a man who would in every way make himself a power and influence within the college body, if he be without money, this inducement is always open.

The great benefits which the College would acquire from such an advantage can only be vaguely estimated. It would not only increase the zeal of the alumni and undergraduates in their search for men, because they would have larger capital to work with, but it would also give the College the wherewithal to successfully compete with her sister institutions.

## Prof. Robinson's Report.

This report, submitted to the Athletic Association June 4, is a complete account of the finances of our different team from the beginning of Prof. Robinson's term of office, Dec. 6, 1902, to June 3, igo3. It shows just exactly what resources we have. No department has a deficit. The baseball department had not as yet reached Clinton with the Amherst guarantee when the report was read, consequently Manager Bristol leaves seventy-five dollars more than is credited him in the report. The track department also has $\$ 200$ dollars from the intercollegiate track meet which has not been handed over to the treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT
For period beginning Dec. 6, 1902, ending June 3, I903.

RECEIPTS.
General Fund receipts.............. \$105 98
Basket-ball receipts.-.-..........-. 40105
Baseball receipts...-.....................-618 43
Track Athletic receipts...........- 42096
Tennis receipts
Interscholastic Meets receipts_-- 14771
Football receipts..................-- 71454
Glee and Inst. Clubs receipts .... 29469 EXPENSES.
General Fund expenses........... \$ 1357
Basket-ball expenses. 34278
Baseball expenses. 61374
Track Athletic expenses.......-. 41773
Tennis expenses.
Thterscholastic Meets expenses.- 14771

Football expenses...--..-.-.......... 260 II Glee and Inst. Clubs expenses... 26090 BASKET-BALL.

## Receipts-

Dec. 6, bal. on hand................... I5 I9 By subscriptions........................- 9175 By gate receipts....................... 178 or

Expenditures-


To livery hire....-......................- 1550

To rent of chairs ...................... 200
Receipts-
BASEBALL.
Dec. 6, bal. on hand -\$ I9 I9
By subscriptions.
23075

By guarantees.....................-. 17565
Expenditures-
To salary of coach.-.-.-.-.-.-.-. 3800
To guarantees.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-. 20800
To equipment and repairs...-...- 5995
To expenses of trips not covered 27764
To incidental expenses.
465
FOOTBALL.

## Receipts-

Dec. 6, by bal. on hand...-.-.-.-.-. $\$ 61904$
By subscriptions.-.-.............-. - 9550

## Expenditures-

To equipment and repairs........
To sweaters for 'Varsity team 9991
To livery hire - 4990
To printing
2685
R GENERAL FUND.
Receipts-
By receipts from Utica Indoor
Exhibition-.---.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-\$IO5 98
Expenditures-
To printing, loan to Intersch. and


1357

## Receipts-

Dec, 6, by bal. on hand $\qquad$ $-\$ 1890$
By gate receipts Intersch. Day.- IIo 15 By loan from General Fund....- II 2 I Expenditures-
To purchase of medals for Intersch. Day, 14 gold medals at $\$ 5.00$, 14 silver at $\$ 2.50$..... To refreshments served in Hall of Commons, Intersch. Day
Printing and advertising
g.-.-....--
(Leaving deficit of \$II.21 covered by loan from General Fund.)
glee and instrumental clubs. Incorporated into the Association Feb. I, 1903, with a balance of
\$ 8009
Receipts to Feb. I..................... 14776
Expenditures to Feb. I
6767
Receipts
By receipts from Chapel concert ..... 4425

| " | " Rome | " | 2630 |
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| " | " Geneva | L. Falls, | 7000 |
|  | 6690 |  |  |

Expenditures
To expenses Geneva trip. ..... 10200
To expenses Little Falls trip.-.- ..... 2703
To expenses Rome trip. ..... 2050
Printing, livery hire, etc ..... 2703
TRACK ATHLETICS.
Receipts-
Dec. 6, by bal. on hand ..... $\$ 5796$
By subscriptions. ..... 20885
By gate receipts, May 6 ..... 3485
By gate receipts, Albany meet.-- ..... 5955
By gate receipts, Colgate meet.- ..... 5975
Expenditures
To guarantee, Albany meet.- ..... 2500
To entrance fee Intercoll. meet. . ..... 3400
To Intercoll. treasury ..... 1000
To Mr. Crossley's salary

$\qquad$
10000
To expenses of team at Albanymeet11500
To expenses of team at Colgatemeet2000
To equipment and repairs ..... I3 58
To advertising and printing for all meets ..... 5975
Report of Intercoll. meet not yet in.CASH ON HAND IN EACH DEPARTMENT.

Baseball ..... 469
Track Athletics ..... 323
Tennis ---------------Football45443
Glee and Instrumental Clubs ..... 3379
General Fund. ..... 9241
Total cash on hand ..... $\$ 64682$
Gross receipts ..... $\$ 270336$
Gross expenditures. ..... 205654 James J. Robinson, Treas.

## The Commencement Programs.

The Commencement programs are not up to the standard. On seeing them at a distance of about three feet they look like a nice leather-bound booklet, but investigation proves them nothing but cheap cardboard. On looking inside a stranger might wonder in what way McKinley was connected with this institution, on seeing a "McKinley" Prize Debate and a declamation contest with the same title. Otherwise, with the exception of a few mistakes in spelling, the programs are good.
-The board of trustees at Colgate have decided to grant the A. B. degree without Latin or Greek.

## Commencement Program.

The program for the ninety-first Commencement is as follows:
June 2I.-Baccalaureate Sunday. Sermon in Stone Church, il a. m., by President M. W. Stryker. Address before Y. M. C. A. in College Chapel, 4:30 p. m. -- June 22.-Campus Day. Exercises on the Campus, 3:00 p. m. McKinney Prize Declamation contest, in Stone Church, 8 p. m.
June 23.-Class Day. Annual meeting of the Trustees, Truax Hall, 2 p. m. Class Day exercises in College Chapel, 3 p. m., McKinney Prize Debate in Stone Church, 8 p. m.
June 24.-Alumni Day. Annual meeting General Alumni Association, Chapel, 1о $\mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Reunions of the classes of '53, '63, '73, '83, '88, '93, '98, '00, 'o2. Baseball, Alumni vs. 'Varsity, Steuben Field, 3 p. m. President's reception, 4 to 6 p. m. June 25.-Commencement Day. Nine-ty-first Commencement exercises in College Chapel, io p. m. Senior Ball, in Soper Gymnasium, 9 p. m.
-It is interesting to note the results of the teachers' examination.

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A. M. Drummond.

It has doubtless been noticed that the Life Board selected only one man from the class of 1906 for the reportorial. This doesn't mean that there are no other men in 'o6 who are capable of doing good work on a college paper, but it does mean that men must work to be eligible for a college paper. To be on either the Life, Lit. or Hamiltonian Board ought to be considered a good sized honor, and every year there should be more than enough men trying for the vacant places. Next fall Life will need some more men, and Life will take those men on the basis of what work they have done for the paper. The first issue will be ample opportunity for men to write and prove what they are worth. Show your interest and ambition, 1906.

## $D R . W O O D$.

With the ending of this term Dr. Wood has completed the first year of his professorship in the American History department. Within that one year he has won his way to the hearts of every man who has had to do with him. No professor ever entered Hamilton under such trying circumstances. To take up the work laid down by that man who was our ideal of manhood and scholar ship, Dr. Terrett; to assume the responsibility of the love and reverence of a whole college, was a crucial test for any man. And while we believe that no one can ever take the place of Dr. Terrett,memory will refuse that,-yet we do believe that in Dr. Wood Hamilton has another man of the same mould and type of character. We only wish that Dr. Wood were a preacher, that as a college we might hear him outside the class room. As an instructor he has been sufficiently complemented in having his course this year elected by almost the entire number of the two upper classes.

## JUST FOR ALUMNI.

This year of all years to come back to the old Hill. The campus and the old familar landscapes never looked brighter and more beautiful. But these you may have every year; this time there are abundant surprises awaiting you. In the first place there is the new Hall of Commons, just waiting to take your breath away when you first walk inside -and it is rnmored that it is just waiting to take your appetite away at the annual alumni banquet. Certainly this building alone is worth coming back to see. Yet this isn't all. Down in front of the Hall of Philosophy, what looks now like an overgrown rockery, is the embryo of a new dormitory-a pile of stone filling that end of the quadrangle. And then when you turn around and look over your left shoulder beyond the tennis courts, you will see one of the quaintest and most unique buildings that this part of the country, at least, has ever seen. The new Chemical Laboratory with its walls of rough cobblestone, relieved by the window and door arches of handsome cut stone, is even now in its unfinished state a handsome building. Yes, this is the year to come and pat yourself on the back, give a college yell, and say: "See what we are doing!" Come back to shake Dr. Stryker by the hand and say, "You're to blame!"

## THE SING.

For the first time this year the College gets together tonight for one of those old-fashioned "sings" in the chapel. It is not necessary, or should not be, to urge every man's attendance. The younger alumni will be present, and these with the college body should awaken the echoes of these old hills in grand shape. Some of the men without doubt will not stay for Commencement. This can not be helped, but all should be present tonight to help swell the chorus. It will send those home who must go, with a final ring of a rousing Hamilton yell, and start off Commencement week in proper shape for those who stay.
-Subjects for orations, theses and essays are bulletined for next year. Get busy, this summer.
-About this time of the year we marvel at the method of examinations we have here. A one-hour subject takes two or three hours of work in the exam., while some three-and four-hour subjects take from four to twenty minutes.

## Professor Robinson.

It was with sincere regret that the College learned Prof. Robinson was not to be with us next year. He has won a warm spot in the hearts of the Hamilton students because of the hearty interest he has taken in the College and its successes. As a professor, his popularity and ability are attested by the large classes which have elected his courses.
He understands the college man and in sympathizing with him, always has his true interest at heart. The course he gives is stiff, but always fair, and it is a course in which you become acquainted with the subject. His aim is to make every student of Latin intimately connected with the language, and with Rome and its great history. His lectures are thoroughly enjoyable and extremely instructive.
In losing Prof. Robinson the faculty and the College loses a true friend and a valuable professor.

## Challenge to Debate.

In answer to the letter printed below Prof. White has been obliged to answer "no possibility" because engagements are already partly made with Cornell and Columbia. Three intercollegiate debates would be too many.

Syracuse, N. Y., June 13, 1903.
President of the Debating Union,
Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y. My dear sir:-
Would it be agreeable to you to entertain a challenge from Syracuse University for a debate next year? I am not exactly sure at this writing whether or not we can so arrange our work as to undertake so large a task as a debate with Hamilton would involve, but I have some hope that sooner or later we may bring the two colleges into debating relations.
We have already arranged for a debate with Wesleyan to be held in Syracuse next year, and are waiting to hear from Brown, with whom we have debated for two years, as to whether another debate shall be arranged. If Brown does not meet us we shall be in a position to fix a date with some other college, and Hamilton is our first choice.
I should greatly appreciate an early reply and will promise to hasten in our arrangements with Brown, if you hold out the possibility that you might meet us.

Very respectfully yours,
Frederick D. Losey.
(Faculty Adviser in Debating.)

## A Senior Bench.

When an upperclassman table was placed in the Kirkland Mineral Spring establishment it was a step in the right direction and was the inauguration of a series of improvements about the Hill. There is another custom the adoption of which would be favorable to Hamilton. It is a senior fence or bench. Under our conditions a bench would be the more artistic and serviceable. If such a bench were in existence upon the campus an appropriate ceremony could be arranged at the transfer from the outgoing class, to that which would occupy it the succeeding year. Such ceremonies accompanied by a speech of presentation followed by one of acceptance, would enenliven the interest of the spring time. That time of the year is indolent enough and any interest which a senior bench would arouse would likewise stimulate college activity. It would be a step in the right direction. Senior bench would become a hallowed memory and a protected custom.

## Prize Announcements.

Curran Medals in Greek and Latinist, C. S. Schermerhorn; 2nd, R. R. Wicks.

Hawley Medals-W. A. Ferguson, C. W. Monson, A. C. Newton.

Huntington Mathematical Scholarship - Montague White.

Truax Greek Scholarship-C. S. Schermerhorn.

Munson German Scholarship-F. F. Brandt.

Soper Latin Scholarship - R. R. Wicks.

Prize Essays-I904. "The Wrongs of the American Indian." Prize, R. R. Wicks; mention, R. C. White. IgO5. "Shakspere's Indebtedness to Plutarch." Prize, G. M. Day; mention, F. C. Beach

Cobb Essay - "The Growth of American Newspapers." Prize, H. H. Speh; mention, H. H. Harwood and R. W. France. 1906. "Life Work of John Wesley." Prize, R. M. McLane; mention, S. T. Kinney. "The Needs and Methods of Forest Preservation." Prize, Stanley Murdock; mention, J. W. Kellogg.
-If any of our friends of this year are compelled by force of circumstances to withdraw from their class, we hope that they will not give up the ship, but make a new and stronger attempt next year.

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## Local Department.

R. W. France, Editor.

## College Notes.

-We can sleep tonight, if we will. -Farewell, Seniors! and good luck.
-Pratt, 'ob, was back for a visit Wednesday.
-Riggs, 'o6, failed to pass exams. and has gone home.
-"Prex" will be here for the "dink exam." next fall.
-The prize debate promises to be one of the best in years.
-Pipe raffles are the chief attraction in North at present.
-Seniors are beginning to come back from their vacation.
-The walls of the new Lab. are rapidly nearing completion.
-There will be quite a Hamilton colony in Europe this summer.
-The Sigma Phi convention will be held here during next week.
-"Stink" has moved into South,-that is, his furniture for the summer.
-Hunter and Durkee did a little ball playing Thursday in Waterville.
-Don't ignore "Prex's" request! Stay for Commencement! Don't miss it!
-The campus now is ready for the most critical inspection-thanks to the rain.
-The slaughter among the freshmen in the math. exam. was terrible to behold.
-"Square" tells Hallman that he does not work math. so gracefully as he wears his hat.
-Life wishes the College a pleasant vacation undisturbed by the cares of the unfortunate.
-"Windy" has bid his classes farewell. The regret that he goes is widespread and genuine.
-The alumni who have not visited the Hill for some time, will see several changes when they come back next week.
-Now is the time to decide to come back early for football practice. Every man of brain and brawn in College will be needed next fall.
-Hamilton will be represented at the Northfield Student Conference by Toll, and two or three others. Anyone who can, ought to go.
-Seniors who want to subscribe for Life next year, please leave their addresses with the Life representative of their respective crowds.
-The engagement has been announced of Putnam, '03, to Miss Augusta Light, of New Hartford.
-Williams, '05, passes the teachers' exam. in Physics at 87 per cent., but has been shut out of "Pills"" exam.
-Ehret, 'o4, left College Tuesday afternoon, and sailed on the Koenigin Louisa for Germany, Thursday.
-"Bib." gave the sophomores a "spiel" on the relation between faculty and student, before their exam., Thursday. What he said is worthy of attention.
-All library books which are now in the hands of students should be returned to the library this week, that the books may be properly arranged and catalogued during the summer.
-"Windy" gives a question in Latin which whén translated into English asks that the class tell all they know about Roman letter-writing. Richardson, '05, being unable to solve the mystery, decides to write a letter to Tacitus in the hopes of making a good stab. He wasn't very successful.
-In chapel Thursday "Prex" urged the fellows to stay here during Commencement week, and gave several good reasons why they should. To make the Senior Ball a success, it will be necessary to have at least one hundred men attend, and this means that ninety must be from the student body. So we would urge all to stay and help make every exercise during the week an entire success.
-Window breaking in South College seems to be the chief pastime just at present. We have no cause to complain, plain, inasmuch as they pay the bills, but we suggest the pleasant occupation, be discontinued now, and the building be made as presentable as possible for the "exhibition" of next week. South at best is not a handsome building, but it does not improve matters to have two-thirds of the windows broken.

## The Hamilton Badge.

Samples of the College badge made from a cast of the seal arrived last week. The prices range from $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 5.00$ and the dies are made in silver and gold. The effect of the seal is at once harmonious and artistic. The jeweler has taken great pains to make a badge which should meet the wishes and tastes of Hamilton men, and upon the result he is to be congratulated. A fob has been arranged, the seal upon one side and any fraternity badge upon the reverse. Newman, II John street, New York City, is the maker.

## Early Practice for Football Men.

The football season of 1903 begins, at least as far as the players are concerned, Sept. 8th. This is the Tuesday of the week before college opens. As usual the squad will practice twice a day, that all the preliminary work may be well advanced when college tasks commence. The importance of this early assembling cannot be estimated. To this preparation the team owes its development and ability to cope with the large institutions. The opening of college for four years past has seen our football squad organized and ready for systematic work. This year the early practice is more imperative inasmuch as we have many preliminary games scheduled at earlier dates. On Wednesday of the week after college opens we play Potsdam Normal School, the following Saturday Cortland Normal comes to Clinton, the Thursday of the next week, Oct. ist, we meet St. Lawrence University. These games all lead up to Coiumbia and were arranged that we might be in the best of condition for this, our hardest game. In order that our showing in New York may do credit to the College and satisfy the alumni, a larger squad than usual must report in the Gym. at the scheduled time. Cut your vacation a little short for the sake of the College and yourselves. The coach cannot spend much time with those men who arrive late, consequently they will lose the great advantage derived from individual coaching. So make your plans now and remember you are due on College Hill, Sept. 8th.

## Teachers' Examination.

Below are the results of the teachers' examination held in the Hall of Philosophy, May 7 th and 8th.
phy, May 7th and 8th.
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| NAMES. |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sqrt[1]{n}}{30} \\ & \frac{10}{80} \\ & \mathfrak{y} \end{aligned}$ | U U U U |
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| John E. Becker.-...- |  |  |  | 93 |
| James S. Carmer ...- | 97 | 79 | 84 | 86 |
| Richard P. Davis...- |  | 85 |  |  |
| Daniel J. Dowling..- | 66 | 80 | 78 | 85 |
| William F. Dowling- | 88 | 84 | 86 | 75 |
| E. S. Durkee. | 83 | 87 |  |  |
| Frank O. Farey | 82 | 81 | 87 | 75 |
| James W. Huff | 85 |  |  | 81 |
| George C. Kingsley -- | 5 I |  |  | 62 |
| S. M. Lambert. |  | 87 |  | 8 I |
| Edward H. Lomber.- | 84 | 69 |  |  |
| John H. Mangan..-- | 87 |  |  | 60 |
| R. Eugene Morris..-- |  |  |  | 64 |
| Fred J. Sisson | 89 | 79 | 88 | 56 |
| Herbert M. Tuthill -- | 39 | 87 |  |  |
| Robert L. Weaver... |  |  |  | 79 |
| Harold A. Williams.- | 93 | 84 | 8 I | 87 |

-The prize speakers are working hard. The only pity is that there is not a prize for everyone.
-Tbe tennis match for the championship of the College will be played Wednesday by Sicard, '06, and Richardson, '05. No admission will be charged and all students and visitors are invited.

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