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A Character Sketch.

One of the paradoxes of human nature, a type often met, is the man who is at once kind and cruel, charitable and covetous, an angel in society, in business a tyrant, with unstinted hand distributing his dollars, while with ruthless fingers he tears his tribute from wealthy and needy alike. Such a specimen is explicable and commonplace enough if you endow him with ordinary attributes of character, and with simple impulses of motives and ambition. The trust magnate who without blush or qualm wrings the blood red dollars from the trembling fingers of the starving poor, if his charity springs, as it usually does, from the love of display, is a character common enough, and deserving of little sympathy or study. Or if it is some miserly wretch who, eaten by remorse, would strike a truce with his conscience or looking through the haze of dying eyes out upon the dreary pathway of a black and barren life, bequeaths his all to noble ends as an expiation, such a character also is too severely commonplace to merit our regard.

But given a man of high intelligence, competent wealth, supreme business ability, a real lover of mankind, with a heart tremulous for the ills of his fellows, endow him in some degree with almost every virtue that we associate with great and lovable men, eliminate from his character every trace of insanity, impulse or sentimentality, and then we ask to what eccentric principles of human nature shall we refer acts of such a man which are as foreign and repugnant to all the promptings of a noble soul as they are peculiar and familiar to a sordid one?

Such a character came under our eye a few years ago, a business man equipped with a fine intellect and, a sensitive, sympathetic heart, with a

reputation, bottomed on numerous noble deeds for public spirit and philanthropy. Such a man, possessed of traits the most opposite and contradictory, pursuing a career, living a life, the most singular and composite was the resultant, we reasoned of a humane and gentle heart struggling against but vanquished by the stronger impulses of a powerful and practical head. It was poetry and prose battling for supremacy. The gentleman of whom we speak, is possessed of a mind the most keen and subtle we have ever met, lightning-like in its operations, almost intuitive in its apprehension, always planning and conning large schemes, cautious almost to cowardice, yet daring almost to rashness, never embarking on business enterprises until it had sounded all their heights and depths. It wields with equal ease and dexterity the scimeter of Saladin and the sword of Richard. His mental operations have at times now all the tortuous sinuosities of a snake's winding, and now the ponderous strength and momentum of a gigantic rolling granite boulder. This description is no exaggeration, but fails rather to do justice to one of the most original inventive and uncommon intellects imaginable.

This gentleman conscious of his powers, exults to prove his strength, to watch the exercises of his mind, which to him is sovereign, supreme. Success for him is purely subjective, and consists in the happy issue of business plans and operations in which not fortune or advantage, but brains, have won the day. Power he worships, but only as it has its root in intellect. Wealth has for him little attraction except as it is the authentic and visible symbol of superior ability. For though he has accumulated riches, he is not really rich since what his right hand receives, his left hand gives. The nature of his business, which is speculative, brings

him with constant contact and combat with many men who contrary to the great biological law, survive, so far as he is concerned, according as they are least fit. For acting generally with a sympathetic, yet sometimes, we have thought, contemptuous generosity toward the weak and poor, he is absolutely merciless and wruthless in his victories over the strong and rich. His moral sense is exquisitely nice and keen, doubtless he would rather starve than steal, but spoils won in a commercial war, whether well-gotten or ill-gotten, are in his eyes respectable and honorable. To set forth the moral fibre of his character, we will take one conspicuous instance of his kindness. Back of his main office is a large unoccupied storeroom for the most part locked. One day, we heard a whinnying issue from that quarter. Curious to know whence it came, we unlocked the door and, entering, found an ugly, dirty-skinned, vicious eye canine of the terrior type lying in one corner under the table. Wondering how it came there, we were about to advise it to depart, and to second our counsel with our feet, when the scent of arnica struck our nostrils, and we straightway noticed a white bandage covering one of the brute's hind legs. Mr. H— had found the dog limping and whinnying on the street, as we later learned, and had carried it to his office, had ministered to it, cared for it until it became quite cured, and then let it go. No stony-hearted man would have done that!

And to show further, the strange contrarieties of his nature, a gentleman came into his office the day before Thanksgiving, bewailing his inability to discharge certain notes which Mr. H— held, and which fell due on that day, aggregating some forty or fifty dollars. The transaction had been of an open, commonplace sort, and not of a nature to appeal to our subject's intellectual

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Athletic Department.

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

Basket-Ball.

No public complaint has been made by the manager of the basket ball team as regards the non-payment of subscriptions. Yet "Life" knows that many who subscribed have not paid up yet. We all know the end of the term is now a very good time to collect money, but nevertheless, it is a shame that those subscriptions are not paid. The men who are still behind ought to be ashamed to walk around the campus, and be seen in the light of day. We have had a team that has practiced faithfully, a captain and manager who have done all that lay in their power to advance the cause of the game, and to place our dear old college once more before the eye of the public. Many are the trials they have gone through, unknown to the majority of the college, only to be rewarded by many not paying what they promised they would. It is a fact unless men pay up the manager will be decidedly out of pocket, a state of affairs that is wrong on the face of it. It is simply outrageous that men should put their name down on a paper unless they see their way clear to pay. It is a crying shame the way some do—go to Utica and blow anywhere from \$3 to \$10, and then come back and tell the hard-working worrying manager, "He is sorry, but he is busted." That cry has been heard here before. It is a poor excuse when the money has been blown.

A man with any sort of decency ought to be ashamed to face the manager owing him his subscription. It is high time that this beastly slow payment of subscriptions are stopped, and some idea of rectitude and justice and speed gotten into some of our companions' minds. Their pride, if they have any, needs a little punching, and "Life" will be tickled to death to print the names of the negligent ones, with a comment attached, if the college so desire. Oh, ye back sliders and slothful ones, pay up before the wrath of "Life" falleth on your heads with a mighty weight.

Hamilton 34, Rome 4.

On March 17th a game of basket ball was played in Sink's Opera House in Rome between the Rome athletic association and the Hamilton College team. The game was dull and lacked any snap. The result was an easy victory for Hamilton, who outplayed the Rome team at every point. The team work of the college team was not especially good, but it compared very favorably with the athletic team, who had absolutely no team work. Their two goals were by phenomenal long throws. Hamilton played better in the second half than in the first. This may be due to the fact that the younger MacLaughlin played for the first time since he was taken sick. Financially, the results to the visitors were not especially encouraging, as they had to leave Rome at 9:25 that night, and get back to Clinton, because their share of the proceeds was not sufficient to warrant their staying in Rome for the night. Five or six Houghton girls, and as many college fellows, were among the spectators at the game, and an occasional Hamilton yell broke the monotony.

The Houghton Seminary Coasting Party.

There were many people coasting on college hill on the evening of March 13, and not the least among them was the coasting party from Houghton—Misses Bean, Day, Benedict, Talbot and Stewart. The fellows from college who assisted in the coasting rites were Messrs. Millham, Campbell, Sheppard, Beckwith and Gilbert. The hill was quite fast, although the sliding had to be done entirely in the road. There were no unpleasant incidents, such as tip overs, to record, which somewhat detracts from the excitement, but adds to the pleasure of the occasion. At nine thirty, a bob came up from Houghton and drove the party down after two hours of unalloyed delight in climbing the hill and sliding down.

At Houghton there was another party of young ladies who preferred the parlor to the sled. Here were also Messrs. Clark, Mason and Henderson. There the whole party were served with refreshments, and after a little dance, the

affair broke up and the annual event was off. Yet it had its pleasant memories, but not among these was the stiffness which some of the coasters from the college felt in their lower limbs the next morning.

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The Houghton Seminary Tea.

This was a very clever money-making scheme. There were many ways of making money—10 cents to get in, and two dollars and a half to get out. Besides these, there were candy booths, pictures for sale, suppers to be purchased, ice cream to be bought, a five cent museum, with Warren MacLaughlin making short change, to be seen, and your fortunes could be told. And even all these do not make up the entirety of the "spondulacs." Pretty girls thronged the rooms begging for pennies, five centeses, dimes, quarters, or anything: "Please—just to help the cause of missions."

Now, although it cost us somewhat, we had a dandy time. The change from our masculine boarding houses to the bowers offered us—full of thronging girls waiting to serve us with the most delicate of suppers—was agreeable, so agreeable in fact that we would not have begrudged many such quarters as we gave up. After supper you were at your own sweet will, free to wander here and there by the interminable pictures, through countless bowers (usually occupied) with pretty maidens or fellow students for whom you could purchase sweets, and entertain with a sight of the curling iron not used by Hendy, or the spoon not swiped by Fat Ward. Dr. Elkins, Dr. Saunders and Dr. Smyth were there from the faculty, and seemed to enjoy themselves. Dick Cookinham took supper tickets, Sheppard waited on table, and Gilbert washed dishes. Of course, Holbrook helped and sold tickets during the interim of Cookinham's supper. After three or four rings on the bell, the fellows were persuaded to start for home—mostly in hacks, as the walking was very bad.

In discussing it all over, we decided that if we had to give money to help the cause of the heathen, that a missionary tea was a pretty pleasant way to do it, although we would not admit the de-

sirability of helping foreign missions when there is such a crying need of a home mission—here on the hill. The proceeds netted between \$60 and \$70. We had it on good authority that some of it was to be spent for the benefit of the college, but that must have been given up now, for the changed intentions are to send an Indian through college with the money.

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Press Association.

“Life” some time ago suggested that a press association be formed. Judging from what has been done, the suggestion went to the four winds, and was lost. Again we raise the cry, for we feel deeply that it would be a great aid to our dear old place on the hill. No one will deny that it is necessary in order to have a college popular, that its name be ever brought before the public. The only way to do this is through the newspapers. The great dailies of New York are read and read, by those who in time will form the body of college students throughout the land. There is no reason why they should not read our name and victories, as of any other college. It behooves us to form an association whereby all news and facts concerning the doings of our college shall be brought before the eyes of the school boy and his parents. In order that all news that goes out to be published should be what it should be, there must be a censor through whose hand all news must go, and receive his sanction. This is a hard position to fill; one that would require a good deal of work, and in a good many cases would incur a good many criticisms. “Life” has talked the matter over with some men not on its staff, and would suggest that Dr. Terrett be appointed by the college as censor and head of the aforesaid association.

Besides the censor, there should be reporters, for the various local and New York papers. Such an association is absolutely necessary for our athletic successes to be known throughout the athletic world. Any one who has had any experience with boarding school knows how much stress the boys place upon the athletic attainments of the various colleges. Therefore for our life it is necessary to be thought well of by the coming student body.

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Mail leaves the Hill at the convenience of the carrier and comes up after the carrier gets down.

"Life" has spoken several times of the condition of the reading room. It has improved no whit. We would now interrogate Dr. Stryker who is in charge of this room if the place can not be kept in better order. The janitor too should have something to say on this subject. We would ask him why he does not keep the room in better order, and tend to the putting back of the magazines and periodicals in their proper places. We have, besides this, secured the names of some men in college who are notorious offenders in throwing papers around, tearing out portions of them, and taking the magazines from the room. We will now state absolutely that if their conduct in this respect is not changed for the better, we will publish names and an exact account

of the offenses which they have committed. We beg to state that this is no bluff!

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"Life" has a word or two to say on a subject that is vital to all of the undergraduates. This is the miserable condition of the paths. One day they are drifted full of snow, and we are wallowing through drifts up to our waist. Within a day or two after that, these same paths are filled with slush—the outcome of the snow left unshoveled on the paths. Now, as a man can not be sick here, it is very unreasonable to have our thoroughfares on which we must go, no matter in what condition they are, in such a state that wet feet are inevitable. Wet feet, as we know, are the forerunner, so to speak, of a cold. Now then, look at the position of the faculty. They make us come to recitations through paths which insure sickness, and when we are sick they refuse to excuse us, but punish us, as if we had committed some misdemeanor.

The remedy for all this is to have Mr. De Regt see that the paths are kept clean. One man with a snow shovel, and perhaps two on bad days, could keep the snow out of the paths in a blizzard time, and could keep the slush shoveled off, and the water drained away during a thaw. Certainly, this is not an unreasonable demand. We ask for nothing but a decent place to walk. No one can afford to wade through such walks as we have from a sanitary or financial point of view. Then we ask that the condition be changed, and that by the expenditure of a few extra dollars, the college guarantee to us a better sanitary condition and a cutting down in the amount of colds and sore throats.

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Gymnasium.

This year there are classes in compulsory "gym" work for both sophomores and freshmen. This is a good thing, and should be appreciated as such. Consequently, the underclassmen must see to it that depredations are not committed in this building. Its presence here is a boon to the college, and as such "Life" interprets it. Persons who misuse or damage it will have a column reserved for them and their offenses.

A Warning.

"Life" understands that the track meet with Columbia has fallen through, at any rate, we won't have one with Columbia, whither it fell through or not does not matter.

Because we are not in the New York State Union, and because we are not to have a meet with Columbia is no reason whatever why anyone should ease up their training, but on the other hand, everyone should increase their efforts, for we may have a meet with Yale. Who knows? Our meet will be with a college that has a good track team, and has it in good shape.

We should be prepared for anything and everything that comes along, so it behooves us to get to work in earnest and call off candy, etc. Fudges are not good stuff to run or jump on. Far from it. This year is one when we shall be undoubtedly put to a severe test in the line of track athletics. Heretofore no one will deny that we have been superior in track athletics to all with whom we have come into contact. Now we don't know what we are going to run up against, and hence we must be prepared to meet the best there is. What we do in our track athletics and base ball this spring will have a telling influence on the coming freshmen. A good record in these branches of athletics may be the one thing that will decide a good man to come here. We are not so large that we can throw away any chance by which we can add good athletic material to our numbers. Our athletic future is bright, provided we do our part. We have good material in college now to turn out a good track team, and it is our duty to get out and hustle. Everyone, from the stiffest old senior to the freshest freshman. There is a chance for all, and "Uncle John" will keep all comers hard at work. If you doubt it, get out and see for yourself. This year there is a good chance to have a stiff interclass meet. This would form a good chance for all to show what they could do under competition. "Life" would suggest, if it may, that the management push the interclass competition, and have as much rivalry as possible. It is done elsewhere, why not here. Our last words are, fellows get out and work—work hard and honestly.

Local Department.

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LOCALS.

March 14 Freak Hull says in debate, "Lives and crops were destroyed for two years to come in Puerto Rico." Easy says that out in the wild and wooly West, "a man is allowed to marry his widow's sister." Stink appears in the chemical lab. half an hour late, but his students wait like good little boys. Dramatic club have their picture taken.

March 15. Shorty Holbrook feels better, and contemplates. G. T. in evidences, "there are two classes of science. Physical science and the science of religion, if there be any such science." The class was also greatly edified by the announcement that, "demonstration is that what demonstrates." Another hot tariff discussion in economics. Prex goes headlong into a snow drift in front of the gym. Hank Miller laughs at him. Rick Hatch get better from pneumonia.

March 16. Bugs asks Holbrook and Vanamee if they have seen the incisors of a cow. Both swallowed the bait, hook, sucker, pole and all. The Houghton missionary tea draws near, and Shorty Holbrook and Sheppard prepare themselves for the evening duel. There is a blizzard, and the walks are filled, but about 5:30 the hacks begin to come up the hill for the fellows who are to help the missionaries. We understand that Shorty and Shep are tied for first place in the battle royal. Any-way the tea was a success.

March 17. Basket ball team goes to Rome and defeats the team there by 34-4. Nels Drummond, Macardell, Sheppard and E. K. Van Allen go along to root. The game was dead and uninteresting. All the Houghton push come to the train to see the team off. Lake runs all the way to the train and arrives to see it pulling out. The roads are a little more passable. Rick and Keogh go to Waterville. Younker reads twelve chapters in externation, we hear. Chapel looks rather deserted without the seniors.

March 18. Square preaches. Everybody listens and enjoys themselves. All glad to see Jim Mervin in the gallery.

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There seems to be less reading and sleeping. A senior says they can drag his weary body to compulsory Sunday chapel, but they can't make him bring his mind and heart. The lovers of the mandolin and guitar hears some good music in No. 16. The feature of the afternoon was "Nearer my God to Thee," played in rag tune. It made a very good two-step.

March 19. Pills gives a hard review in physics. Easy thinks it easy, but he must be uneasy. Hendy and Hummy drive to Rome. Berry and Stuart are surprised in the act of taking a bath, and receive quite a crop of snow-balls through the window (broken). Bill Nye cuts the seniors. Mrs. Kelly does a thriving business. Warm weather again, and what walks! Two years ago the campus was dry, and had been raked off—would that it were that way now. Freak springs another low collar on the college. For goodness sakes, Freak, get a high one. Goss swipes Psychy's book, which takes an excursion round the class, and bobs up serenely in the arms of Zip, who turns nineteen shades of crimson. Rickey asks enough questions in Bible to warrant the suspicion that he is studying for the ministry. Schnitz cuts juniors. Reviews are here in earnest.

March 20. Skinner runs around the campus on skates. Prexy has a few rhetorical convolutions as usual in evidences. Deke Taylor, Hank Miller and Ratsey Fisher try to take the Y. M. C. A. building by snowballing the president. Our doughty little president fools them. Baker scores one on Miller. Deke Taylor is seen in the library. Accidents happen and exceptions prove the rule. Rick Hatch enjoys a good cigar. Everyone wades around in beastly slush and water. The campus is a regular lake.

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A Miscellaneous Treatise on Spring.

Spring is coming, though to look out the window one would think the snow would never go away. But give it time, and it will. With the coming of spring many other things come, such as base ball and track subscription. It takes

money to run the two teams. We must run these. We have coaches engaged, and they must be paid. It lies entirely with the college as to whether we have good teams or not. If money is subscribed, then good coaches can be had, and good teams can be turned out.

What "Life" wishes to urge upon all the college is the necessity of subscribing liberally. A good way to do is to go home and pull the old man's leg for all it is worth. A little planning ahead and a little self-denial, and surely everyone is willing, nay glad, to do it, for such a glorious cause. This would enable everyone to subscribe liberally enough to put both our teams on a sound financial basis.

It is an easy thing for us to say, we love our dear old college, to say how glad we are to see its pennant flying victoriously. But it is another thing to come down with money—to show that we desire to see our cause advance enough to sacrifice our own pleasures. When a man sacrifices himself in many ways by going into training forswearing the use of tobacco—and various other luxuries, surely we who can't do anything in athletics ought to be willing to do as much in our line as he has done in his. The way to do this is to subscribe liberally, so when our teams are ready to begin operations that cost, they will have the wherewithall to foot the bill.

This is no idle tale. We must have money, and plenty of it, and you fellows are the ones that must bear up. Think well of it. Think long of it, and decide that the only thing for you to do is to give—put your last cent to the good cause—yea, the best cause, for who can name a better one than the advancing of our glorious and victorious standards.

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Intercollegiate.

Columbia grants more than 150 fellowships every year, with an annual value of \$650 each.

A number of educational institutions have agreed to subscribe each \$100 annually for five years towards the support of the American School for Oriental study and research which it is proposed to establish in Palestine. One of the leading projectors and supporters

of the movement is Prof. J. R. H. Gothbeil of Columbia.

A new grand stand and athletic field have been built at N. Y. U.

Harvard has just begun the rebuilding of the boat house burned during last Christmas week.

\$150,000 has recently been donated to Yale for her school of forestry.

Williams and Dartmouth will hold their joint debate on May 24. The subject will be, "Resolved that railroad pooling should be legalized under federal supervision."

At Princeton a peculiar innovation has been introduced in the establishment of a freshman class committee, appointed to secure a closer personal oversight of the freshman class during the early part of their college career.

University of California will send an athletic team east this season.

Harvard contemplates the sending abroad this summer of a college chorus. The men will be chosen by competition, and will be perhaps ten or fifteen in number.

Yale is paying more attention than ever before to debating. Her intercollegiate debaters this year will train under a very different system than heretofore.

The crusade against sophomore societies at Yale seems to find its only possible solution in the enforced enlargement of their membership. By destroying their exclusiveness, and thus, in some degree, their secrecy, their influence, it is thought, must become less strong and harmful.

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A Character Sketch.

avarice. "You say you have been out of work and unable to pay. Let me see, to-morrow is Thanksgiving. Well, here is something to be thankful for," and with these words he stamped upon the batch a receipt in full. A few days later, a gentleman entered who desired to postpone the payment of certain debts due Mr. H— on that day. The transaction, he afterward explained, had been one of those intellectual triumphs in which he revelled, and of which he was now to see the successful fruition. He refused to grant the request. The gentleman pleaded almost pathetically,

but Mr. H— was like flint. A few days later a judgment was entered against the unfortunate debtor, and in default of payment, he was ousted of his possessions. Scruples of conscience when the undoing of another was a triumph of ability, were as far from him as the refusal of charitable contributions to a needy church or a starving mendicant. His aim is not to acquire but to conquer, though no man suffers fewer losses and defeats in commercial ventures, no man takes his defeats more hardly. We have known him to give rent free for months to the occupants of a house which he had wrung perhaps illegally, certainly unjustly, though cleverly from a struggling laborer.

His love for children is immense. No man is more passionately attached to his home. All his joys save those we have mentioned, cluster around his hearth. His affection for animals is almost child-like. Suffering and sickness in others torture him, so sensitive is he, almost as if the pain were his own, and he is never deaf to appeals to his pocket-book. Hypocrisy and vice he abhors; we would look in vain to find a better example of private virtue. To his employers he is all gentleness and kindness; tolerant of errors, reasonable in demands, paternal in his interest. He is all heart except when heart comes into conflict with intellect. In that case, he becomes a veritable demon, blind to almost every impulse and virtue that redeems and ennobles man.

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Not an Unpleasant Check.—“Jack’s extravagant career received a sudden check to-day.” “Is that so! He doesn’t show it.” “No. It was a check for \$500 on his governor.”—Harvard Lampoon.

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