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Utica League vs. Hamilton.

This game opened the season. Wednesday was a poor day for baseball on account of the heavy wind which blew in the faces of the batters and carried the ball wide, from the outfield. The crowd was not over large. About twenty from the college attended. They were conspicuous by their silence, evidently believing that the team would win without their assistance. They showed poor spirit. It ought to be an unwritten law that when a Hamilton team plays anywhere and its supporters follow it, that there Hamilton cheers should abound. No game was ever won by doing nothing. Cheering was invented that spectators as well as players might lend assistance.

The work of the team could not be well estimated because of the strong wind which made a good throw impossible, and because the team played on a skinned diamond while the practice field is a grass one many errors can be accounted for in this way.

Captain Hunter played his usual steady game. He lost three fouls but they were high and difficult. Durkee showed great improvement over last year. Only one man got his base on balls. He kept his head well and had the ball under good control. Peet played a good game. He always does his best. Tommy is the best man found for second base so far. He lacked practice, of course, but it is almost an absolute necessity that he fill that position. Of course, the college appreciates fully his circumstances and shows its gratitude to him for attempting to overcome the obstacles against which he labors. Judd at first base needs more life. He isn't wide awake all the time, but nevertheless he can put up a good article of ball when he really gets into the game. He will improve as the season advances. Soper played the best game. He made the only run for Hamilton and fielded excellently. Stiles was new at third,

but for a beginner in that position he did remarkably well. Schwab lacks experience, and played but a mediocre game. He had one error and accepted one chance. He muffed an easy fly. Practice and experience is absolutely necessary. Farrell, if he works hard, will make a good player. He has many things to learn, but has natural baseball instinct. Bastian and M. White were the substitutes. Coach Johnson umpired the game. Our line-up was as follows:

Peet, short stop; Stiles, 3rd base; McLaughlin, 2nd base; Hunter, catcher; Soper, left field; Judd, 1st base; Schwab, centre field; Farrell, right field; Durkee, pitcher. Score, Utica 18, Hamilton 1.

Defects and Their Remedy.

It is to be regretted that so small a part of the one hundred and eighty students who now comprise this college body, realize the importance of the advantages which are offered them in the way of improvement in written discourse. In order to do the most work in the smallest possible time, for leisure hours are few here, all reflection as to style or beauty of language is lost as we hastily skim over text books or peruse a volume of recent fiction. This hasty scanning of a page encourages the practice of omitting words hard of proper pronunciation, and causes syllables to become mere jumbles of uncertain enunciation. The effect is noticeable in the every day talk of the college. Men who are recognized as good writers speak incoherently or use the most common vulgarism in their "small talk." Words, phrases, sentences, fall from their lips like apple blossoms in budding time. Yet never a thought is devoted as to whether the sentence now being enunciated is complete or grammatical, or whether the words are given a precise meaning. All this we say leads to a sloppy, slovenly and altogether indolent style of writing.

What are the remedies? First of all, to cultivate a good style one must learn to know what he is saying and how he is saying it all the time. To speak in vulgar parlance, he must know "where he is at" at every point in the construction of a sentence. Many make a mistake in speaking or writing the very next thought that comes into mind after the completion of the previous sentence. Those accustomed to express themselves carelessly and thoughtlessly are the ones who err most in this regard. It is unfortunate that ideas do not flow in logical order, but the tendency toward rambling can be reduced to a minimum by thinking as hard as we talk, simultaneously.

There are many who would say, Yes, we have taken the full course in rhetoric, we are acquainted with every figure of speech, we know the kinds of sentences thoroughly, but still we find difficulty in writing fluently. We assume that the majority of the men in college might answer thus, and we agree with them perfectly. There is something still lacking, and that is practice. The one serious fault of our system here, is that we place too much importance upon the study of text books to teach us to write. We claim that no volume was ever published that by its very perusal one could immediately sit down and write a passable composition. Practice only will do the work for you. Another defect is that, at the same time that we are analyzing great orations and gathering general ideas as to proper structure and logical arrangement, we do not supplement fully enough by consuming time in attempting to formulate ideas of our own, and by putting the knowledge we have gained thereby, into a written discourse upon some live topic of the day. This is where our composition work falls short. It ought to be remedied.

Now we do not believe that because there exist defects in our method of teaching the practical applications of

writing, that any man is justified in sitting down and proclaiming that he has no opportunity to learn these things for himself. In the first place there is the chapel stage. Did it ever occur to you that the college by this one exercise is giving you an opportunity to speak to it twice every three months? How many men when they leave college will get a chance to make a public speech as frequently as they do here? Then this stage should be a practice stage, and if no new idea is thrust upon your mind after a chapel appearance, as to method of delivery, effect of certain gestures on the hearers, etc., then that appearance was a complete failure. So chapel gives opportunity for a spoken discourse.

Nor is this all. The various publications of the college are working their editors to the last limit. Are you willing to let them reap the whole advantage of daily writing and not exert yourself a particle and claim space in their columns for all that your pen has turned out worth printing? We believe you are easy if you let a man monopolize such a high privilege. Contributions to the college press should swarm over the editorial tables, written by those who recognize the opportunity and are willing to fight for a place where comes the highest opportunity.

And so we say, *write*. Write daily. Read daily, if for no more than fifteen minutes, and we predict no repetition of a "no award" in prize subjects in the coming year.

One Case More.

The members of the faculty seem to have come in contact with the perverse contagion which the discipline committee has breathed forth. It has been strown in the college ear in general for some days past and has been understood for a few months prior that the club, thru the head of its management, had no hopes of a trip to Rome. All negotiations had been consummated with the exception of securing authoritative leave by faculty permit. To this intent such a petition was advanced and submitted. This request reasoned its own just prayer. The entreaty was for lot from 3 o'clock on Friday to 10 o'clock on Saturday. This period would have exempted few men en masse from but one college exercise, namely, morning chapel, while it would have released a few to an appreciable extent, and that small number we may assert comprises

the essentials and principals of the venture. The men whose presence and aid were most indispensable were thus most wantonly incommoded. The dilemma presented two commensurately disagreeable courses. The one was to foredo the engagement, cancelling the prepared and perfected plans, thus presumably disappointing Rome and reflecting no credit on ourselves, or to resign comfort and convenience to the pride of consistency and to discharge of obligations once begun. This meant for some men to hurry post-haste from the hill without the staying provision of a dinner, in order that they might be punctually on hand at the appointed hour. But that is the bagatelle of the objection.

These men who have thus been unceremoniously constrained to go post haste toward Rome, after their evening's work of worry and entertainment must be on morning mettle to board a tardy snail which may convey them in this sacreligious manner in their unsympathetic mood to a repugnant exercise at best. And for what reason? Surely the mind that gave such a decision its blighted birth must have had no reason for its ration. It was a poor decree for even a starved diplomacy. It would have unpoised faculty clemency or dignity not one whit to have granted with a grace the proffered behest. It would have conduced to the relish of the trip and its trials for the participants and would have made the ensemble considerably more palatable. And beside that question it would have at least not have widened the difference which has yawned and continued to widen the breach between some of the students and the powers that are, but should not so be. This trouble yields its increase; whether it be of a direct crop or a blight and pest on one which might be harvested to reapers' advantage and the better satisfaction of those who devote thereto their tilth and husbandry.

But in spite of the obstructive decision, its obnoxious interference and its unwholesome effect, for pride of self and shame for others, we can, if we resolve to, carry out, though at a terrible expense, our plighted faith. Reasonable requests, if they are to be rejected, will play the boomerang. Our regret is that in the end the catastrophe does no one a real good. We pity such a puny, petit spirit of justice, and can say no more.

Clark Prize and Prize Debate.

The appointees for Clark Prize and Prize Debate exhibitions were announced yesterday morning. Of course many speculations had been afloat as to the ones who would receive the appointment, and the usual surprises were not as evident this year as formerly.

Campbell is recognized as the best writer in the class. He has already received several awards in essay writing and has always been considered a forcible, interesting and ingenious writer. Campbell was a prize speaker freshman year and this also will make him one of the strong competitors in the race for the K. P.

Gilbert, the second alphabetically, is considered one of the strongest men of the group. He has a commanding presence, a deep, resonant, full-toned voice, and is the best speaker in college. He has never before won any prize in composition work, but with his magnificent accomplishments he will be able to speak any sort of an oration with great effect. He was a prize speaker freshman year, taking second place. Gilbert is also one of the appointees for prize debate and as a debater he is forcible, convincing, eloquent and logical. He will be the hardest man to beat in K. P. and by no means an easy opponent in prize debate.

Harwood was a prize speaker freshman year and has been announced as one of the highest three men in scholarship for his course. He is not as forcible or eloquent as either Campbell or Gilbert, but his speech is smooth and his manner is easy. He is a fluent writer and an easy gesturer. His greatest fault is in lack of force and fire.

Naylor was a sophomore prize speaker and has written good orations during his senior year. He has fire and life and always commands the attention of his audience. Naylor's great fault is his nasal tone, which at times makes his speech monotonous, but he is one of the good men of the group. He also received an appointment on prize debate and his manner in debate is similar to his manner of delivering orations. He will make a good appearance.

Scoville was an appointee on prize speaking junior year and won second place in the contest. He has a good command of language and has a peculiar sympathetic tone which captivates his hearers. He is dead in earnest, just nervous enough to cause an audience to

know that he believes what he is saying, and has always held both Chapel and class whenever he has appeared with oration or debate. Scoville is a prize debate appointee and as a debater he always had a good command of language and a well-stocked hoard of quotations to illustrate his points. His main fault as a debater is that he relies too much upon elegant phrases and quotations instead of well defined points. But of course these have made his debates the more interesting.

Ward was a sophomore prize speaking appointee and has written some good orations. He also is on prize debate. His main fault lies in his tendency to pitch his voice too high at emphatic periods and often over emphasizes syllables. Nevertheless he will put up a good appearance in the K. P. contest.

Warren, though not an appointee for K. P., is recognized as one of the strongest men in prize debate. He has a most smooth, elastic and convincing way about him which appeals strongly to a mixed audience. He turns phrases happily and debates eloquently as well as logically. He has twice represented his class in interclass contests. He is a strong man and can be relied upon to give his opponent a stiff run for the prize.

Webster, another appointee for prize debate is a man of good appearance and can be very forcible and convincing. He has a happy manner of turning arguments against his opponents and is good in rebuttal. His chief fault is in his gestures, but of course these will be remedied before the contest.

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THE increased interest in baseball and track athletics, as evidenced by the numerous candidates trying for every position on each team, proves that the athletic spirit is healthy and is occupying a very high position in the life of the college. "A healthy mind in a healthy body" is still a good educational doctrine. A weak physique detracts from the force with which a man may enunciate strong principles. Great men have nearly always been men of strong physique. A puny body is warrantable only in cases of actual deformity.

If self-realization be the chief end of man; if a scholar be a man who has control over his own consciousness, then athletics is by all means one of our greatest educators. No one, not even a Hercules in strength, can play football, or baseball, or run a race, with the highest success, unless he has in his training been taught to do serious head work. Mind and body alike receive training, and the athlete has better command of his faculties than the persistent grinder who develops great capacity for memorizing, and earns the title of "a walking encyclopedia" of book knowledge. Hoarded treasure is valueless so far as practical benefit is concerned.

We would not for a moment discourage or underestimate the incalculable value of study. Too many of us have gone through the year on the basis that all study was wrong and spent our time in idle thinking. To borrow a phrase, we spend altogether too much time in thinking about nothing at all. The idle thoughts of an idle fellow are not all what Jerome K. Jerome has led us to believe. If that author thinks thus when he is idle, what a master mind he must

possess when he gets down to very serious thinking.

But we have digressed. A good consistent combination of both physical and mental training is what the world admires today. Athletics gives one; the college curriculum furnishes the other. So this generous open-hearted spirit of physical rivalry ought never to suffer the slightest fall in intensity. Listlessness is worse than nothing. Hamilton has the right spirit. Her men fight her battles with all the vigor which youth can command. We are proud of our past and we glory in our prospects for the future. When two-thirds of the entire body here are either on or trying for one or another of the athletic teams, we can safely say that the present is secure.

Nevertheless, we are not here to rest on the laurels of our departed heroes. They did not fight that we could rest easy and point to what they had been. Far from it. They played with the determination to lift out and up the standard of their predecessors, and we are here to keep on pushing. "Hamilton to the fore" is the watchword, and let athletics be one of the potent factors for individual as well as collective progression.

PARADOXICAL as it may seem, one of the worst discouragements to a student endeavoring to follow out the old teaching that "cleanliness is next to godliness" is the condition of our shower bath room. Dirt is a most vital principle in this world's affairs, but there are a great many places in which it is a monstrous anomaly, for instance, the bath room—the two are supposed to be mutually exclusive. For the past few weeks the floor of the shower room has been in a disgraceful state; seemingly the time of its seeing a mop or broom is a part of ancient history. Would it be asking too much if we should request that this room be cleaned out three or four times a week, at the least, during this season when it is so frequently used?

While we are on the subject, it might be well to mention another fact, which was called attention to in these columns without avail some time ago, namely, the condition of the sprays. There is only one of these which is fit for use, the others being stopped up by lime or leaking to such an extent that their area of application is altogether too extensive for the comfort of all concerned. We do not wish to be constantly finding

fault, but such things as these are not always within the notice of the authorities, and we simply wish to call their attention to them in the hope that the discomforts will be removed.

HAMILTON should well feel proud over the showing of her baseball team in the recent game against the Utica state league team. The game proved that our team has a lot of good material and that we have every reason to look forward to a prosperous season. The playing of Durkee and Soper was especially good, and during the whole game only a few errors were scored against us, in spite of the fact that there was a strong wind and that the air was constantly filled with dust. Now what the team needs is good support from the college for the games that are to come and for the everyday practice. Let us show the team that we are with them by getting out for practice and by attending every game that is possible throughout the season.

Sophomore-Freshman Game.

On last Saturday was begun the series of class games for the championship of baseball. The first game was between the under classes. At about three o'clock was heard the yells of the two classes, and soon the game was on. It was a well fought contest throughout and was full of enthusiasm and strife. At the opening of the game it looked as though the fates were declared against the Sophomores, but they soon rallied and before the finish they succeeded in scoring 18 runs to 10 made by the freshmen. The sophomores ascribe their victory to the efficient pitching of Strickland, while freshmen concede their defeat to the loss of Schwab from the last part of the game.

Observations.

Try so to live that when you die even the undertaker will be sorry.

A single life often ends in happiness. A double life often ends in prison.

The quality of friendship is so steadfast, so beautiful, and so holy, that it will last for a life time if not asked to lend money.

Self-love is a virtue, for he who loveth himself shall have his love returned, whereas he who loveth another, unless he accompany it with an expensive bunch of double violets, shall go unrequited.—*Princeton Tiger*.

A Physics Lesson.

(1) If a respectable student pushes the earth down three feet on his way up the hill, when he has fifteen minutes to make chapel, what phenomenon results when a student without cuts stubs his toe on the broken sidewalk above the arbor when he has just five minutes to get up the hill? (Note—The element of profanity must not be considered.)

(2) If the force of gravity makes a sophomore sit on the campus half an hour these delightful April evenings, what will cure his cold?

(3) A Utica car leaves the Wirth House every hour. What force impels a junior to leave Houghton as soon as he hears the bell ring?

(4) If it takes half an hour to button a 14 collar on a 15 shirt, what energy is expended in making Phi Beta Kappa? The answer must be in watts.

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Trains arrive at Clinton from Utica, 8:30 a. m., 12:40 p. m., 5:24 p. m., 11:50 p. m. From Rome, 8:20 a. m., 5:10 p. m. From South, 7:50 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 2:40 p. m., 6:25 p. m.

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College Notes.

- Colder, windy weather again.
- Where are the college tennis nets?
- If you wish any tips on botany go to Jenks.
- "Nick" cut the surveying class Tuesday afternoon.
- "Bugs'" gang of tramps is larger than usual this year.
- Someone has dubbed "Chettie" the professional sophomore.
- "Windy" is going to give the juniors open air lectures this term.
- The sophomores had their first debate with "Prex" last Wednesday.
- "Ike" Stiles has lost six pounds in seven days. Guess that's training some.
- Seniors and juniors have been reaping a store of cuts from "Pretty" this week.
- "Prex" infers from Carr's debating that he would make an excellent auctioneer.
- If you wish a good second-hand phonograph cheap, go to Williams, '05, South College.
- The publication of an account of Chapman's, '03, travels has created quite an awakening.
- The names of Evans and R. White have been added to the list of sophomore prize speakers.
- Stiles was laid up Tuesday with a bad attack of one of Johnston's out curves. Pretty eye, Iky.
- Ratsy White and Bib had quite a criss-cross fire of words, in which Ratsy came out sadly second best.

—"Nick" scheduled a written review for the sophomores Thursday, but failed to appear on the appointed time.

—"Windy" thinks the sophomores elected him this term to do some work. It begins to look like it with no "horse."

—Tuesday afternoon Prof. M. White and "Deacon" Smith might have been seen making some special calculations for "Nick."

—Uncle John has had a new runway built for the track men, so that the pole vaulters and jumpers can practice at the same time.

—The Limburger Club, "Kitty" Keith, '03, president, held a meeting Wednesday evening. It is said "Kitty" held the strongest hand.

—Part of Steuben Field is marred by the dead grass that has not been raked away. New grass seed in some spots would not go amiss.

—"Pills" handed back the sophomores' first physics review papers Thursday. From their appearance a good many must have "bled" him.

—On Saturday will be played the first game of baseball on the hill this season, with Auburn Theological Seminary. Let everyone come and see a good game of ball.

—If some of the other Profs. would follow Prof. Saunders' example and leave their latch strings out now and then it would add much to the pleasure of college life.

—Brandt, '04, and Chapman, '03, have been recognized already in the literary world. Their articles, together with their photographs, appeared this week in the *Clinton Courier*.

—Harwood, '02, desires the LIFE to state that the article entitled a "Chess Tournament" should have read Landers was beaten by Harwood instead of Harwood was beaten by Landers. We did not mean to deprive Charles of the honor and gladly act upon his request.

—It would add greatly to the appearance of the campus if the men who live down the hill would, rather than cut across going in and out, take an extra half minute to walk around by the path. This short cut across the grass has been used ever since early spring and the grass has been given no chance to grow.

Osculation.

To digress a bit from the trite editorial and enter the field of trope and of philosophy, we recall what we can of an exegesis on the treatment of the kiss.

As to the origin of this salutation many savants and sciolists have mused. Of these, some claim that the form of greeting dates back to the cannibal days of man. In other words, when a man kissed a woman he indicated by the caress, a modified form of bite, that he liked her well enough to eat her. Others say that the rationale of the custom is that as birds now convey food to their young by beak and bill, so in the days which antedate urns or other receptacles, man conveyed food to his family young by mouth and imparted it by contact.

And yet another theory is that men used to pursue this policy on their return home to ascertain whether their wives had been drinking their wine during "hubby's" absence. Whatever the cause or the occasion, it matters not today. We all know our reasons for or against; so enough.

"What Fools We Mortals Be."

It has been noised abroad and afloat for some time that persons irrationally concerned for the welfare of our downtown beauty and nature-culture, have petitioned to have the franchise of the railway company, whose line loops as a lariat the park, revoked. This is a Confucian Chinese theory. In order to have the intrinsic features of a grant preserved, this person in particular would have all progress crammed back into the maw of an unwelcome civilization. This scheme, we understand, meets with the sanction but of its promulgator. We trust the idea will be but one-eyed. Perhaps the malcontent desires to defer any speedier means of locomotion until the advent of the aerial rapid transit. But that idea is too mecurial in divers ways. Talk about "railing on the wrong side of the roast."

Set-ups.

Do you notice the ever-present cigar or cigarette in the hand of the Senior? These are days of double bliss. They bless both those that give and those that take. Set-ups furnish the materials for matter and for mirth. The philosophy of this system of set-ups is in this adage: "Pain pays the income of each precious thing." Those who want to tax the recipients of honors for a token of appreciation demand a present on the theory that if the honored man deserves the credit he'll be willing to pay for it; and on the other hand, he ought to anyway, since the "paths of glory" lead presumably to the grave.



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