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CLARK PRIZE EXHIBITION

On Wednesday evening, June 7, the forty-fourth annual Clark Prize Exhibition in Oratory was given in the Stone Church. Although the evening was uncomfortably warm, the audience numbered about eight hundred people. The chair was occupied by Professor Carl Dudley. Music was furnished by the Utica Opera House orchestra and was very satisfactory.

After the exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Carl W. Scovel, '88, the first speaker, Mr. I. Lindsey Best was announced. Next to Stone, Best had been the favorite, and his friends were not disappointed. His oration, 'The Philosophy of Dreams' was very well written. His figures were original and happy. The whole oration conformed to a standard of beauty in thought and expression that perfectly fitted the subject. In his ease and grace of motion on the stage and his adaptation of gesture to thought, Best was easily first, but Ikey was out because his oration followed too much the style of an essay. There was't nough 'spice.' The second-man, Mr. Charles C. Hawley delivered an oration on 'The Grand-ours, the Terrors of War.' His subject was a blood and thunder one and his style fitted his subject. The roar and gore of the battle field; the heroism and the pathos of a soldier's life; the shouts of triumph and the tears of a stricken wife and mother were well pictured. But Charles writes better than he

speaks and the palm was not for him.

After an intermission and music Mr. Seward A. Miller delivered an oration upon 'William of Orange and Abraham Lincoln.' Oigley was the surprise of the evening. He had not been considered as a possible winner, yet in the minds of some he deserved the prize.

Mr. George W. Owen came next. His oration 'The Dramas of Job and Faust' was delivered with the earnestness that has characterized the man in his work as Y. M. C. A. President and that has won for him the respect of his fellows.

After another intermission, Mr. Martes M. Post appeared. His oration on 'Language, Literature and Life in their Relations' showed a careful preparation. But Mr. Post's style of speaking was too conversational to fit his subject.

Mr. Warren S. Stone was the last speaker. His oration 'The Dramas of Job and Faust' was well chosen. No one in College could better depict with his voice the mighty thoughts and feelings of those mighty men than Stone. Throughout his oration there was not a break nor a balk and the result of hard work and careful training were well shown.

The faculty after a short consultation awarded the prize to Mr. Stone.

MR. KINNEY PRIZE DEBATE

It is generally conceded that the prize debate appointees for the present year form as strong an ag-

gregation as has appeared on the boards for years. We may be sure we shall hear a real debate full of spice and spontaneity; not merely a series of set speeches and conned repartee. Besides individual excellence there is a variety of style which would save even dullness from monotony and an equality of strength which promises an exceeding close contest. Prophecy in such case can be only conjecture and cannot assume the proportions of certainty or probability. So we venture only a brief general review of the several contestants.

Stuart is perhaps the most original, versatile and spontaneous of the six. He is very combative and destructive; clever in rebuttal, always keen, often witty, his argument backed and driven home by a delivery, pleasing, vigorous and unique. House is cool, logical and deliberate. His delivery is rather earnest than eloquent and his words rather weighty than fluent. He is always steeped in his subject and attracts more by vigor of thought than by volubility of utterance. Andrews is strong in presentation. He has a positive and aggressive style that gives muscles to every sentence and sharpness to every argument and captures the ear while it convinces the mind. His arrangement is always admirable, his grasp clear and his arguments pat. Best has a bland, liquid, insinuating style which never tires and gradually wins. He rarely soars but is ever on the wing. His plan is almost

faultless in structure, his diction choice, his argument solid. Directness and incisiveness aptly characterize Chrestensen. At times pitching his points in too high a key, he is ready in retort and keen to perceive and vigorous to expose the contradictions of his adversaries. Mosher is a close reasoner, sententious, often epigrammatic in statement, with a delivery clear, personal and impressive.

From a combination so variously excellent we may naturally expect as we confidently prophecy a close and exceptional debate.

FOOT BALL PROSPECT

The outlook for the foot ball season of '99 is excellent. With the experienced players still remaining on the team, the promising material developed last fall, and the prospect of candidates from 1903, Hamilton cannot fail to turn out a winning team. Besides these encouraging indications, it is announced that, despite the refusal of the college body to appropriate more than three hundred dollars to secure as coach, Mr. Swetland of Cornell, nevertheless his services have been engaged. This has been brought about through the efforts of Capt. Stowell. No better coach is to be had; and with him to perfect the team work that won us the pennant last year, Hamilton ought to take a prominent place in foot ball among the colleges of the State. The other colleges in the league, Union possibly excepted, cannot hope to rival us; but Hamilton is to meet other teams next fall, and by the issue is to be determined our claim to rank. Defeats must be expected, but we are sportsmen enough to endure an honest licking at the hands of a superior team; and we are confident that Hamilton will put up a noble fight.

Of the members of last year's team, in the lines, Stowell, Ward, Gilbert and Drummond remain, and of backs, Millham and Mason. Dunn is expected to be in condition to resume his position as half. The vacant places in the line can be filled easily from the material discarded last fall, and candidates for the positions back of the line are numerous. Among those who have signified their intention of trying for the team are Sheppard, Waddell, Quinn, Augsbury, Friess, Hicok, Churchill, Redmond, Webster, Van Allen, Naylor, Drummond, Minor, Church, Jenks, Reed. It is proposed to have a training table at which the team and substitutes will board.

One of the most important needs of the team is an organized scrub. Too much much praise cannot be given to the men who, in the past, got out on the field and gave the Varsity practice. Too often their spirit and perseverance met with no reward. The scrub should have the same organization as the Varsity, manager, captain and regular players. There should be also a provision whereby they might be rewarded in some way similar to the custom in vogue at the larger colleges.

The schedule, so far as completed, offers a number of games harder than we have ever encountered before. But with the aid of our efficient coach, and by dint of early practice, the teams should be in excellent condition to tackle anything that comes along. Manager Baker gives out the following schedule, as corrected up to date: Sept. 23, R. P. I.; Sept. 28, Cornell, at Ithaca; Oct. 7, Colgate at Hamilton (practice game); Oct. 14, Hobart at Geneva; Oct. 21, New York University at Clinton; Oct. 28, Union at Schenectady; Nov. 4, Carlisle Indians; Nov. 11, Colgate at Utica; Nov. 17,

Trinity at Hartford, Conn.; Nov. 19, New York University at New York.

FAREWELL TO '99

Who can tell where we of the three classes that are left in our dear old college on the hill will see again assembled here the class of '99. Who can tell in how many ways we shall miss their familiar faces and voices. How the foot ball team will suffer even tho new men come forward to fill their places time alone can show. Base ball will also suffer, who will be behind the bat to catch Lee's twisters and who will be there to knock out home runs at the right time? The track team will loose its champion walker. When we gather on the hillside next fall we may see many more men in chapel but we will rubber in vain for those familiar faces that made 1900's life miserable when they were of the fresh and greenish hue.

To say that we will miss them at every turn is putting it too mildly. The only thing they can do now is to come back as often as possible, and cheer the weary hours of winter term, or come back in time to help us win the pennant again in foot ball. If they can't get back in body let their minds wander to our hill side, at the same time sending as a token of their remembrance a check for our needy athletics.

Look well ye of '99 upon the campus in all its spring time glory, look well upon your class-mates when last you gather on the hill for it is the last time that you one and all will be together to recall the sweet memories of four of your happiest years.

And when at last, having listened to many a would be orator, you get your sheep skin and hie yourself to

your several homes; don't forget amid all the fleeting memories of a college course to leave a check for a year's subscription to the "HAMILTON LIFE."

All that is left for us to do for these men who are about to shake the red dust of our walks from their feet and who may never again have the pleasure of sitting on a worm or two on the benches under the campus trees is to wish their success in life, together with a farewell and God speed.

McKINNEY DECLAMATION CONTEST:

A new ingenious plan was adopted this year in choosing the prize speakers and success seems to have been the result. The twelve men selected will, assuredly, give a good exhibition, as they are good honest speakers and workers. Among the juniors, Graham and Taylor seem to be the better orators, although Spencer and Bird are not out of the race for the prize by any means. The class of 1901 have four men from whom it would be very difficult to pick the winner. Davenport is good in narrative but lacks fire; Lonsdale's strong fort is in his gesturing; both Sweet and Sippell have a good appearance and are reliable men. Among the freshmen, also, there is a close race. Harwood is a quiet speaker but is perfect master of descriptions and narrative. Gilbert is more fiery and oratorical. Hawley is better in description and VanAllen, with a piece adapted to his ability, will make a fine appearance. "LIFE" does not feel able to give any pointers to bettors on the result, but believes that the contest will be a "close thing."

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During the past year there has been great dissatisfaction among the undergraduate body with the present "cut system" in use in the college. Many argue justly that when a man has completed two years in this college and has become a junior, he should be old enough to be capable of judging for himself some of the things which are now settled arbitrarily by the faculty. Attendance at recitation is one of these things. It certainly seems reasonable that young men of 21 or 22, who are here, spending four of the best years of their life in getting an education, have discretion enough to be able to decide whether they shall attend all their recitations or only one-half of them. For, certainly, an object of education is to teach discretion, and depriving

a man of an opportunity to use this quality is not an ideal way to teach the use of it. The college should be the training school for life and should thoroughly fit its students for the business of life. But if in the training school we are kept under supervision and surveillance what is to become of us when, suddenly, we make our advent into life freed from any restraint outside of ourselves. Surely the training school should be the place for experiments in self-restraint. But under this "cut system" there is not enough opportunity for self-restraint. Too little option is left to the student in many things, principal among which is attendance at recitations.

The reception of the first number of "LIFE" has encouraged the editors to make the announcement that in the college year of 1899-1900, "LIFE" will be published weekly. In this enterprise we ask the assistance and support of every person who is interested in Hamilton College. For, we intend to devote this paper to the best interests of the college and we feel certain that all of our readers will realize that such is our intention. We will publish all news important or unimportant which is in anyway connected with the college, and in so doing our effort shall be to be a bulletin of college affairs which will keep every undergraduate and alumnus reader posted in what takes place on College Hill.

If any of our readers do not agree with the sentiment of any article in "LIFE's" columns, we will gladly publish any answer or contradiction submitted to us. Or, if any reader shall wish to publish in "LIFE" any matter relating in any way to Hamilton College or those interested in it, he may have such

an opportunity by submitting the article to the editors. Our columns are open to all who wish to use them for the benefit of the institution we represent.

FRESHMAN FROLIC.

On June 7th, after the Clark prize exhibition, the first Freshman frolic since '98' was held by '1902 in the Scollard Opera House. The fact that the thing was not thought of until very late caused the success to be smaller than it would have been if the party had been announced a week or so before hand. The patronesses were Mrs. Benedict, Mrs. Stryker, Mrs. C. H. Smyth, Mrs. D. D. Smyth. The committee was: C. K. Gilbert, chairman; L. R. Smith, C. H. Moody, C. G. Sigr.or, C. Harwood, R. T. Duffy and I. S. Wood. There were but few girls there, yet all the fellows reported a very good time. 1902 deserves credit for their first college dance, when we consider that it is four years since the last Freshman Frolic before this one.

K. B. P.

It has leaked out that a number of the men elected to Kappa Beta Phi objected to the proposed article in the 1900 Hamiltonian, in that, accompanying the list of members, was a preliminary statement regarding the qualifications for membership. They even went so far as to telegraph in to the printer, ordering him to hold open the forms until the editions had the obnoxious matter expurgated. Why these men should object to see in print, or to have seen in print, the number of "dinks" or the "hoi polloi" record they have had during their college course, and at the same time practically make these matters a boast by joining K. B. P., is difficult to see.

LOCALS.

June 4. Services last Sunday chapel. Freshmen thinks it is Bac-celamate sermon.

June 5. Some of '99 become alumni in reality. Hamiltonian comes out. Bibvindicates Dryden.

June 6. All of '99 become alumni. Some of them celebrate.

June 7. "Cains" Lee has the honor of being the first purchaser of a copy of "LIFE." Mr. Lee is also the first to subscribe for the paper next year. Rickie donned his dress suit and his new patent leathers with a hole across the toe and slings programs. Clark Prize. Freshman Frolick. Prexy says that LIFE ought not to come out as often as bi-weekly—once a week is often enough.

June 8. Chapel at 9 o'clock. College meeting and these officers are elected:—President, Dr. Hopkins; tennis manager, Bird; assistant, McLaughlin; track manager, Stryker; assistant, Gilbert; secretary, Weston; intercolligate representative, Spencer; base ball manager, Augsburg, assistant, Minor; one of the alumini representatives, Humeston. The A. K. E. chapter have their picture taken.

June 9. Henry Hull asks Bib about Burns poetry. Bib uses the simile of the street and the sewers. Hatch meets with this passage in French "Rentrions prendre le café." He translates "Let us again enter the café." Room drawing in Science Hall. The old maxim has taken effect. Weudman has done as the Romans do and parted his hair in the middle. Why don't Snushall do the same.

June 10. Fat Bacon swings out in a new pair of "golfies." Rip and Ned Parmahe went home for Sunday. "Art" Wells and "Stevy" seek the excitement of Utica on a Saturday night. Dr. Rice, '92 was on the hill over Sunday. Charles

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Rogers of Utica spent the day with Prex. Hops Cut. Schintz compared an orthographical error to the habit that some people have of spelling Smith, Smyth. Advisory board meeting. It was found that Stryker, track manager and Gilbert, assistant were not really elected. Quinn nominated for track manager. Gilbert for assistant.

June 11. First Sunday chapel this year, with the senior seats vacant. Square lassoes his dog (Bobbie Mac Duff) with a clothes line and takes him for a campus promenade. Deke Taylor springs his first joke this week.

June 12. Vanamee comes into bible, late. Mel Dodge and Bates print pictures in the photo lab. Bib squelches Hull in repartee. "Sturm" Triess got his hair cut. Bill Shep got soaking wet hence no French. Little Greek follows suit. Don't know enough to get in out of the rain. George, '97 was on the hill. Holbrook goes to sleep in Bib. Harwood says Dr. Nye, you did not call my name, did you?

June 13. Hop. cut. Harwood lost his hat. Clark, 1902 can keep the baby awake while he bohns Dutch sentences. Skinner says that as the Greek Trot costs 1.50 and the book only costs 90c., it is cheaper to tear up the book than the Trot. "Freak" Hull smoked a cigarette.

June 14. L. R. Smith gets a hair cut. Flag day and the college sings with lots of noise "The Star Spangled Banner." Church winked at a senior and took a bath. Lee, 1900 catches the rage and begins to wear glasses. L. K. Stevens buys a new hat. Prexy bought out Utica. Freak Hull got sent out of debate. Deke Taylor sprang a joke. Hank Miller laughed. So did Davy Macnaughtan. College meeting adjourned because of no quorum.

June 15. Bill Shep cuts. Charley Eddy Congdon attempted to pick

up two girls in a buggy but got picked up on the back with a whip. Clark wished he had not lost his umbrella. Banjo Ben is here on his annual visit with his dulcet harmonies of voice and banjo. Ben has been sojourning in the land of the lynchers and has returned primed with new and catchy songs and melodies. Van Allen translates "He died of Marriage."

June 16. Prexy hears the Juniors in elocution four minutes each. The first three men get out at 3.35. Schnitz reported four freshmen flunked in Dutch sentences. Billy Decker actually ran. Fay still chewed that same old piece of gum that he won last Decoration Day. Our correspondent saw "Dr." Andrews and interviewed him on the size of the class next fall. "Very large, yes, yes, very large." Hank Henry appeared very decollete, as usual.

June 17. R. P. Ostrander returned from senior vacation. "Jack" Holley, '98, is on the hill. Bill Nye cuts a review. Fritz Dunn and "Caius" Lee get left (?) in Utica all night. Signor and Lake make their weekly trip to Summit Park. College meeting at noon for the election of officers. Melville Dodge elected President. Wm. Quinn elected track manager. "Dr." Andrews goes to Utica. Dan Wells and Goss Stryker go up in the woods for a few days. Deke Taylor cracks another joke. Quite a good many laugh this time, even Prize Johnson. Bart translates "separate the angel." Schnitz, "This is no biology class, Mr. Bartholomew."

June 18. Last Sunday chapel. Several overcut, although two easy hymns are given out and lots of noise is made. Esty Stowell and North Holbrook are down at Prexy's. Prexy spends the after-

noon with Elishu Root, of New York.

June 19. American History Examination. Tell practically all you know. Fay chewed gum all through chapel. Shorty Holbrook did not sit in his own seat. Heyl and Dick Milham came to chapel. Skinner must have got through something, he made so much noise. G. T. and Bacon passed geology. General hard (?) work.

June 20. Hard examination in Photography. Baker goes to sleep and forgets to turn up. Everybody is still working. Deke Taylor sprang his first joke for the day at 8:15 a. m. Henry Hull swore. Weston collects a track subscription. Hamiltonian Board appointed from 1901, Allen Babcock, E. J. Speh, A. S. Hatch, F. W. Sippell, R. C. S. Drummond, W. J. McLaughlin.

June 21. Holbrook comes to chapel in a high (?) collar. White and Moore start to leave chapel when the bell stops but Dr. Fitch calls them back. Dr. Fitch runs chapel. Freak Hull tells "Pretty" to "choke off" that whistling. Everybody is still "bohning." Bacon Cackles once or twice.

June 22. No music in chapel, Fritz Dunn has three trials in Greek. Deke Taylor says he has no place in the world, he does not pay taxes. Usual commotion because somebody passed an examination.

June 23. Prexy's hard examination in elocution. What did Bib do to those Sophomores in English Literature? Bible the only thing ahead except for the fellows who have a "dink." Solo by Dave Macnaughtan. Everybody's got a hair cut for me." Somebody passed the hat and raised twenty cents. Go to some wig maker and he will cut it for nothing, Dave.

WANTS.

- By Macnaughtan, a hair cut.
- By Schnitz, more Freshmen to funk.
- By Bottle, more common sense.
- By Hank Miller, some few pounds of fat.
- By Millham, that jersey that was swiped out of the gym.
- By Weston, track subscriptions paid.
- By Hamiltonian; more buyers.
- By Prex, Hall of Philosophy.
- By Baker, all the football and base ball suits that are floating around college.
- By Rip, a wig.
- By Hall of Language, a nickname.
- By Bugs, three bushels of cats.
- By Buck Fisher, more photographic formulas to learn.
- By Goss, a straight pair of legs.
- By Hig, some hair tonic.
- By Hamilton Life, subscriptions.
- By Best, the class cup.
- By G. T., new stories.
- By Hendy, one quart of gin.
- By D. Wells, a temperance club.
- By Old Greek, the fountain of youth.
- By Duo, his stolen hat.
- By Bib, longer trousers.
- By Leeoo, a new girl.
- By Marvin, a call down.
- By Butler, plenty of water.
- By Willis, another —.
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The Sophomores and Freshmen played a game of ball on the campus on June 3. The result at the end of five innings was 14 to 5 in favor of the Freshmen. The victory was not so much due to the good playing of the Freshmen as to the few score errors of the Sophomores. In this connection we might mention among the Sophomores the fielding of A. S. Hatch and the batting of Esty Stowell. Stiffness in the ankle prevented Dunn from stepping out of the pitcher's box and Augsbury seemed to have the same trouble in his back. J. W. Currie, '01, made his initial appearance on the diamond this season, and created a favorable impression by making three frantic efforts to connect with the ball, in vain. Currie well deserves his soubriquet of George Dewey. Life's reporter, while catching behind the bat for the Sophomores, got a severe "ding" in the ear and had to retire. Altogether the Sophomores did well. Among the Freshmen, whose work deserves credit, we might mention "Morgan" Lewis on first base and Charley Fear in right field. All the fans were unable to comprehend why Charlie was released, because he seemed to be holding down his ground pretty well. Naylor seemed an insoluble puzzle to those who ran up against his swift shoots and curves. "Life" wishes to encourage these games and hopes that they will continue. At least they afford lots of amusement and fun for the participants and spectators.