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## Singing.

The suggestion which Dr. Stryker made in senior debate on Wednesday morning concerning singing is worthy of repetition. The College body should do all the singing and yelling that is possible, and especially is this needed now. We should sing some song every morning as we leave chapel, and then as crowds of fellows congregate on the campus during the day, the good work should be kept up. Dr. Stryker criticised the freshmen very strongly because they took no part in the singing. Now that freshmen have been here half a term, it is about time that they learned some College songs. Most of our popular songs are printed in the blue book and as each man has a copy, there is no excuse for ignorance. The new song lately distributed, "Bright Hamilton," should be on the tip of every man's tongue and should be practised until the harmony, time, etc., are perfect. None of us half appreciate the enthusiasm and support that comes from a rousing yell or song. Our football team can do wonders with the support of men on the side lines. Do you suppose that we would have tied our game with Colgate last year if the College had not been on the field yelling and singing? Just ask some man who played in that game if the encouragement from the side lines was of any benefit? Sweetland has also said that nothing, except practice, does as much for a team as to have the fellows out on the field to help with their songs and yells. On Tuesday, when it was snowing and wet, there were quite a few men out to sing and the help of that crowd was so beneficial and evident that the coach came over and thanked them. Now, all the team asks is that everybody come out on the field every day from now on. This is a very simple demand, so let us comply with a will. A good start has been made, now let us keep it up. Don't let down for a minute. Make the men feel that you are pushing them to victory in the next four games.

## Basket-Ball.

In a recent issue of LIFE an article appeared on the subject of basket-ball, in which the writer advocated our playing easy teams in order that they might develop.

This policy may be wise or unwise; let us see. In the years previous to '99 Hamilton had football teams which were scarcely ever victorious. Did we play easy teams to obtain development? Our defeats were honorable and we kept on trying until in the fall of 1900 we had a team which any college might have been proud of. Is there not just as much glory in honorable defeats at the hands of larger colleges as in victories over inferior ones?

Basket-ball in this College is comparatively a new game. All that it needs is the support given to other teams and it will be established on a much firmer footing. Come out and yell for the team if you cannot play. Encouragement is half of the development.

The argument advanced that the College is too small to support four teams a year seems rather a weak one. How does Colgate do it, or Rochester? If they can do it, we can, by showing the proper spirit and enthusiasm. Let every man now pledge his earnest support to the basket-ball season of 1904.

## The Scurf Posters.

Now is the time for the freshmen and sophomores to be thinking about their scurf posters and planning material for them. It is the usual thing for the freshmen to leave theirs until Christmas vacation and then one man does it all. The result is that the freshmen poster is worthless. But there is no reason why the freshmen should not have a first-class paper if they will only spend time and energy upon it. It is assumed that the sophomores are already busy with theirs and will edit one well worth seeing.

## The Rochester Game.

The day was ideal for football. A clear sky and bracing cool wind blew across the university campus, filling the players with vim and the 800 spectators with enthusiasm. Hamilton was well represented by a tally-ho party of local alumni, accompanied by fair escorts with blue and buff colors flying and horns tooting. Shortly after 3 o'clock the men who were to battle for Hamilton appeared on the field. The two teams compared favorably in weight. After some discussion between the captains, 25 and 30 minute halves were decided upon and the game began. Hamilton played in hard luck all through the struggle. From the very beginning to the end there were several incidents which placed our men under great disadvantage, no less than they helped the work of the opponents. Although some decisions may have been questioned, the officials gave very good satisfaction. Hamilton should have been credited with two more touchdowns. The work of Mann, Soper and Pratt was especially in evidence. Hosmer did some fine running. Mann tore through the center several times for good gains. Hosmer and Pratt dashed around the Rochester ends for sure advances. The defense showed up well at times, Rochester being tackled repeatedly for heavy gains.

Following is the movement of the ball: Taggart kicks off for Rochester. The ball is a grounder and Soper fumbles it, giving Rochester the ball on our 30 yard line. By a series of furious line bucks Rochester advances the ball to our 10 yard line, where she is penalized 10 yards and the ball goes to Hamilton on the 15 yard line. We gain 20 yards in four plays, then on an unfortunate fumble Paul, securing the ball, runs down the field for a touchdown. Taggart kicks the goal. Score 6 to 0 in favor of Rochester. Taggart kicks off to Soper, who brings the ball back to 15 yard line. Hamilton gets together and by quick end dashes and hard line bucks rushes

Rochester rapidly down the field. After both teams had exchanged punts Hosmer is pushed over for Hamilton's first score. Goal fails. Score 5 to 6 in favor of Rochester.

Thompson kicks off and the ball is downed on the 20 yard line. Rochester makes her gain once, is penalized and loses the ball near her own goal. Hosmer runs 10 yards around the end. Pratt takes the ball for no gain. Bramley makes a run of 20 yards to Rochester's 5 yard line, where he is downed and time is called for the first half.

Thompson begins the second half by kicking off to Taggart, who returns it but a short distance. After slight gains and a penalty of 5 yards Rochester loses the ball on downs. No time is lost and Hosmer is quickly pushed over for the second touchdown. This ends the scoring. Bramley kicks goal. Score 6 to 11 in favor of Hamilton. The remainder of the game was played in Rochester's territory. Both teams frequently punted. Rochester boosted the ball farther, but Bramley ran the kicks back in good shape. When the Rochester man caught the ball on a punt Hamilton's ends and tackles immediately spilled him. There was a great improvement in getting down on kicks. The Hamilton warriors played steadily and at times with great dash. They were much quicker than the enemy and greatly superior in form. Rochester, however, has the best team she has had for many years and the victory was not easily won. The line up follows:

Hamilton 11.		Rochester 6.
	Left end.	
Evans.		Wilder.
	Left tackle.	
Thompson.		Cushing.
	Left guard.	
Wills, (Capt).		Clark (Capt).
	Center.	
Nellis.		Gladwin.
	Right guard.	
Speh.		Gilbert.
	Right tackle.	
Barrows, (Swetman)		Symonds.
	Right end.	
Soper.		Richards.
	Quarter.	
Bramley.		Taggart.
	Left halfback.	
Hosmer.		Paul.
	Right halfback.	
Pratt.		Winter.
	Fullback.	
Mann.		Steere.

Referee—Mr. Ward, Princeton. Umpire—Mr. Brockett, Syracuse. Linesman, Mr. Backus, Rochester. Touchdowns—Paul 1, Hosmer 2. Goals—Taggart 1, Bramley 1. Time of halves—25 and 30 minutes.

### To Improve the Book Store.

A few days ago a student bought a copy of Chaucer at the book-store and had to pay \$1.40 instead of the list price of \$1.25. Immediately he set up a howl, and while he was still howling a friend came along and said "let's investigate." They found that seven copies of Chaucer had been ordered, that they came through a "jobber," that the original profit of the book-seller was ten per cent.; that expressage knocked out this profit, and finally that one of the books had to be returned at a loss to the keeper of the college store. As a matter of fact the book-seller at the College store made about ten cents on a Chaucer at \$1.40. Out of this and similar small profits he paid his expenses, light, insurance, etc., and took his pay for innumerable runnings-in-to-Utica, letters written and packages carried up from the village. It was evident that the book-seller wasn't reaping too large a profit.

They talked the matter over with two of the professors. One of them suggested a student's co operative book-store. This plan is to capitalize the store at five hundred or a thousand dollars, so that the man who runs it can buy at wholesale and order far enough in advance to have the goods come in bulk and by freight. Such a corporation could sell books at list prices and pay more than ten per cent. to the book-seller. Mind you, this plan does not oust the book-seller. It would profit both him and the students. It would involve no little trouble of administration and supervision, however, and to make it effective the capitalization must necessarily be large, in proportion to the number of students in college.

A second and simpler plan was suggested and it can be put into effect immediately. Let the students notify the book-seller, before they go home for Christmas vacation, just what books they will need next term, and let them agree to buy these books. It will not be difficult to find out how many second-hand books are on the local market, and men who cannot get the second-hand books, can hand in their orders at the book-store. With the assurance that every book he buys will be bought, a big order, and plenty of time for the books to be sent here by freight, the book-seller can buy direct from the wholesaler, and often from the publishers, can save dollars on his express

bill, and will not be obliged to insure himself against the probability of books being left on his hands.

This latter plan would cost no effort on the part of the students and yet would bring about the result desired—good books at cheaper rates. It meets with the hearty approval of Jenks, the present book-seller. Without any further reminder it may be acted on at the close of the present term by any who are provident enough to look ahead three weeks.

### The Mandolin Club.

Twenty-three men are now trying for the mandolin club, and of this number six are freshmen. Certainly this gives promise of a good organization. Four pieces are being practiced, "Anona," "Sulu Lulu Soo," from the "Sultan of Sulu," "Prince of Pilsen Waltzes," and a novelty piece called "Midnight in a Graveyard," which is as ghostly as its name, and which will take the place of the "Ghost Patrol," the best number of last year's repertoire. A medley of the latest popular music, with plenty of "stunts" mixed in, is now in the process of construction. Such a medley composed of snatches from our numerous football songs would be a good thing for the glee club to try. A combination of these songs with one or two of the college yells inserted for a surprise would certainly make a hit.

### Action Needed.

It is safe to say that LIFE is read by most of the fellows in college. But how many of these readers profit by what they read? Suggestions, advice, criticism, and innovations there are plenty, all of which come not from one man but from the general student body. Some things are heeded, more are not. Why? Because there is lacking some one who will take the matter into his hands and carry it out. For example, we need a trophy room. There have been suggestions but no one seems to think it his duty to go ahead with the matter. So also we have longed for mail boxes in the dormitories, for new songs, and countless other things. LIFE publishes the suggestions, someone ought to take it upon himself occasionally to see that the good ideas and innovations are carried out. LIFE fails in its aim if it can do nothing more than use a man's time in reading what it contains. More action and more individual responsibility is what we need at Hamilton.

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## THE WILLIAMS GAME.

Next Tuesday night the team starts for Williamstown and just as many men as can possibly get away should go, too. We have all watched football enough to realize that the men on the side lines are about as much responsible for the victories as the players themselves. For this reason the men should be well supported, especially on this trip. The game will be a hard fought, interesting contest. The rates which Mr. Sherman has secured for the manager are very reasonable, and should be utilized by every man who can borrow enough money to cover the cost of the ticket. We must win this game and the college body has got to help the men do the trick.

## HELP OUR FRIENDS.

A few firms who have advertised consistently in our publications have made some complaint because they receive so little of the college patronage. When we consider that it costs a man between twenty and fifty dollars to do all the advertising which we ask of him, we must see that he has a right to expect our consideration in return. We are greatly dependent upon these advertisers, without whom it would be impossible to edit our present number of publications. To keep these advertisers we must give them our trade. If the students are interested in the college publications—as we take it for granted they are—they should turn the trade of the college to those men who are kind enough to advertise with us.

## TODAY'S GAME.

Today the college will have an opportunity of showing what it really can do in the line of cheering and singing. We

believe that we have just learned how to make use of ourselves on the side lines, and today is the first time this season that we have occasion to do our best on our own grounds. The spirit which has manifested itself during the past week in the midst of snow and rain will do wonders in a game. The team is getting better every day, due to the best coaching we have ever had, and due also to the fact that the team knows the college is behind them. Hobart comes down with her hopes high, and promising Hamilton a hard tussle. Let's show them how we can play and how we can yell. The college is requested to take its place on the east side of the field opposite the grandstand. By keeping together in this place we can do more cheering and give more encouragement than by running up and down the side line. Everybody study up the songs, and come out with a good big voice ready for business.

## HALLOWE'EN.

Hallowe'en is once more with us, bringing all its usual fun and damage. In regard to the customs and traditions of this time-honored festival it may not be amiss to say a word or two. Far be it for us to criticise what time has stamped with its approval, but would it not be well to sanely and soberly draw a lesson from precedent? Last year the walks were torn up clear from the arbor around the Psi U. curve. The condition of this stretch of walk was fearful, muddy, slippery, piled high with the broken planks and timber. Coasting was an impossibility till winter was well advanced, while the walks were not laid for months and we doubt if they are yet paid for.

Now, for the sake of our own comfort, for the coasting, would it not be well to omit for once this ravage and instead of one night of wanton enjoyment have a whole winter of easy-going comfort. This idea is not at all radical, but is meant to be not only conservative but preservative. There are plenty of other ways for getting rid of our superabundant spirits than this one in question without curtailing in any way the sport. Let everybody give this proposition serious thought and see if it is not worth consideration.

## INTER-CLASS DEBATE.

Last Wednesday morning the seniors elected the four men who are to represent the class in the annual inter-class debate. Carr, Collins, Sisson and Toll

received the highest number of votes. The juniors should organize and the subject be chosen at once, as the debate will come off in the early part of winter term. It is to be hoped that this debate, which promises to be a good one, will be judged more impartially than its predecessors. Heretofore the decision has been given regularly to the juniors; a kind of precedent has been established that has not always insured judgment on merit. We do not say give the debate to the seniors this year to relieve the monotony, but we do urge that the monotony be relieved by a fair and impartial decision. And further, it would be well if this contest could be made a preliminary to the intercollegiate debate, which will doubtless hereafter be an annual event. If the latter were arranged first, the subject could be debated by the two classes, to the great advantage of the college team. The Hamilton-Cornell debate is now being negotiated, and affords an opportunity for trying this scheme. We hope the two classes in choosing their subject, will keep this suggestion in mind.

## The Hamiltonian Board.

The 1905 Hamiltonian Board met last week and elected its officers. This board, like all others which have gone before, is determined to publish the best book which has yet appeared. Whether it will fall short of its ideal remains to be seen. The various managers have planned their tasks and have begun their duties. But with all their hardest work, the book can not be a successful class publication unless the members of nineteen five help the board. The class has already promised to back the board financially, yet contributions, drawings and suggestions are needed as much if not more, than money. A book which contains the ideas of only eight men is apt to show too much individuality. The book should contain the ideas of the whole class, not merely those of the editors who are simply the agents.

The business manager will know within a few days what photographer in Utica will make the individual pictures of the junior class and the fellows are urged to attend to this part of the program as soon as possible.

—At a meeting of the junior class on Wednesday it was decided to submit the matter of building bleachers to the college body.

**Football Schedule.**

For the benefit of those alumni who have so often requested it, the football schedule will be published during the rest of the season:

- Sept. 23, Potsdam Normal 5, Hamilton 64.
- Sept. 26, Cortland Normal 0, Hamilton 47.
- Oct. 1, St. Lawrence 5, Hamilton 11.
- Oct. 7, Columbia 28, Hamilton 0.
- Oct. 17, Union 0, Hamilton 28.
- Oct. 24, Rochester 6, Hamilton 11.
- Oct. 31, Hobart at Clinton.
- Nov. 4, Williams at Williamstown.
- Nov. 14, Colgate at Hamilton.
- Nov. 21, Amherst at Clinton.

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**Give Them a Chance.**

In the memory of most of the present College body the musical clubs have never taken a good trip. The so-called trips have, for the most part, been simply excursions lasting over night. The more important places have generally been overlooked and dates have generally been arranged in small, insignificant towns. This of course is not the fault of the management entirely, for we all know how hard it is to get faculty excuses. But now why can't a concerted effort be made for a good showing this year in the way of trips. We are going to have the best clubs this year that we have ever had and they should be given a chance to prove their worth. If it is impossible to get excuses for trips of a few days' duration, then try a Christmas trip, when everyone owns his time.

**The Football Dinner.**

It is proposed to give a dinner in the Hall of Commons on the evening of Nov. 21 after the football game with Amherst. The matter has been discussed and some arrangements made. All the college body is expected to be present and a large number of alumni have promised to also be with us. This is a good way to end up the season and the football men of both Amherst and Hamilton can break training together, providing the former can be induced to remain over Saturday night. We could not find a better way to end one season and at the same time lay the foundation for the next. Good fellowship and enthusiasm could have sway, giving us pleasant memories of the past and bright hopes for the future.

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## Local Department.

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### Local Notes.

—Kelley, '06, has left college.  
 —Sicard, '06, spent Sunday in Buffalo.  
 —The glee club is having regular rehearsals.  
 —Huntington, '07, gives sage advice to Sicard, '06.  
 —The juniors had their first debate under Prof. White this week.  
 —The classical medals awarded last June were given out this week.  
 —Several songs are gradually growing on the side lines each afternoon.  
 —Dr. Stryker led an informal "sing" in the Commons on Monday evening.  
 —Trippe, '07, asks a sophomore if the 9 o'clock bell at night means bedtime.  
 —The Psi Upsilon fraternity are having a new bath installed in their house.  
 —Miller, '07 when dismissed from Latin class for sleeping, felt deeply insulted.  
 —Wygant, '06, has recovered from his illness and is again in his place at right tackle.  
 —Our belief in Indian summer has been somewhat shaken during the last few days.  
 —John D. Cary, of the class of '84, and wife, were visiting on the Hill during the past week.  
 —Colgate has announced that she intended to play her second team against Hamilton.  
 —Jenks, '05, attended the wedding of his brother, Jenks, '00, at Shrove, Ohio, last Friday.  
 —Harwood, '05, while criticising "Dean," said that he looked like a "peanut politician."  
 —Prof. Brandt gives the sophomores a rather hard call for serenading him before recitations.  
 —First snow storm Oct. 27. Several fellows took advantage of the opportunity for early coasting.  
 —Roosa is now sitting up, having had his leg put in a cast Monday. He will soon attend recitations.  
 —Dr. Squires has been somewhat occupied the last week making speeches in neighboring villages.  
 —It is rumored that Dr. Stryker has offered a dinner to the 'varsity if they win the Williams game.  
 —It has been suggested that "Sammy" be turned into a football song. Will someone make a few changes in the words?

—Quite a number of students went to Utica Wednesday to witness a production of the Prince of Pilsen.

—Volunteers are wanted to help in the "gym." when the varsity comes in evenings, to rub down the men.

—One of the freshmen, after listening to the juniors giving "Pretty" a yell, asks why they should yell for Purdy.

—The result of the Columbia-Pennsylvania game was a surprise to those who had been following the two teams.

—Prof. Oren Root will deliver an address on the barge canal at the Scollard Opera House on Saturday evening.

—It is worthy of note that McClure's Magazine for November has been left in the Y. M. C. A. reading room for five days.

—There was no practice last Monday for the 'varsity. The men were given this day to get rested and make up back work.

—Rev. Charles S. Richardson, of Little Falls, father of Richardson, '05, preached in the Stone Church on Sunday last.

—A freshman knocked at Uncle John's door early the other morning and asked whether "Uncle" had any shoe strings for sale.

—The sophomores gave Prof. Ebeling a yell last Thursday because he had decided to omit the private readings from Pliny this year.

—Hosmer, '07, made a good appearance in chapel Wednesday. His declamation was taken from the K. P. oration of Lambert, '03.

—The senior debating team has been chosen and the juniors will have to go some to outdo the men who have been picked to represent '04.

—That tallyho filled with Hamilton alumni and their fair friends was a pleasing sight at the Hamilton-Rochester game last Saturday.

—During the week the windows in Carnegie Hall have been temporarily closed so that work can be continued on the inside during the winter.

—While we are all howling for new songs it might be well to take a second glance at the songs which we have now. There are many songs in the present song book which it would be hard to improve upon.

—A Pullman car has been engaged for the Williams trip, leaving Tuesday night and returning Wednesday night. Fare including sleeper \$7.10. The golf team will accompany the football players.

—Remington, '04, has left college, having secured a position as tutor to the son of Hon. Wm. Cary Sanger. He expects to return to the Hill next fall and enter '05.

—The past week has been rather disagreeable for football weather. Notwithstanding the conditions, however, there has been a good crowd along the side lines each day infusing speed and spirit into the cold wet players by their lusty yells and songs.

—The gun club is making slow progress toward organization. The Clinton club has presented the fellows with two automatic traps and a barrel of clay pigeons. The traps are to be placed in the field beyond the duck pond.

—Basket-ball practice has begun in earnest. Last Saturday a squad of twenty-five men was out. It is up to every fellow who has ever handed a basket-ball to get in a suit twice a week and help make a winning team this year.

—The send-off which the team had on its departure for Rochester last Saturday was what makes a man play until he can't stand and then make a couple more plays for the remembrance of the crowd with its snappy yells and confident songs. They go to Williams Tuesday. Let's have another large crowd at the train.

### To Correct a Misunderstanding.

There seems to be a wrong impression in college regarding the reorganization of the banjo club. We appreciate the fact that it would be hardly possible to get a club in good shape this year, and also that it is better to have one large mandolin club than two smaller clubs, inasmuch as the management can carry but a limited number of men on trips. The reorganized banjo club has not looked forward to being taken along this winter with the other clubs. Its existence will in no way be detrimental to the mandolin club. Its reorganization is with the sole purpose of amusement and instruction for its members. If during Prom. week and at the indoor exhibition, the management should desire our services, I dare say, in behalf of the club, that they would be cheerfully given. The reorganization is independent of the other musical clubs.

EDGERTON, '04.

The Cornell Department of Agriculture is about to issue a periodical called the "Cornell Countryman."

**Among the Colleges.**

In New York University one hundred freshmen were measured and they averaged 5 feet 7¼ inches in height. The average weight was 127¼. The age was reckoned at 18 years 9 months to a man.

The Christmas trip of the Cornell musical clubs will include Buffalo, Rochester, Cleveland, Detroit and Erie.

The total registration at Harvard is 4,291, a slight increase over last year.

To interest more preparatory schools in Cornell, various musical and athletic clubs will be sent to visit them. The expense will be met by voluntary student contributions.

There were five hundred and fifty applicants for admission to Princeton this year. Of these three hundred and ninety-nine were admitted. Eleven were debarred because of dishonesty in the examinations.

Williams has raised the tuition fee from \$105 to \$145.

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