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Sophomores 0, Freshmen 6.

The Trinity-Hamilton game for last Saturday having been cancelled by Trinity, a game was arranged between the two under classes. By mutual agreement regular varsity men and subs were ineligible. The two teams were pretty evenly matched, although the freshmen were a trifle heavier. Play was called at 3 p. m., the sophomores kicking off to the freshmen. '06 gradually worked the ball down the field only to lose it on downs. '05 after making first down was unable to gain and was forced to punt. By a series of end plays and line plunges the freshmen carried the ball to their opponent's 15-yard line, but there the sophomore defense stiffened. They held and took the ball. They had rushed it back ten yards when time was called for the first half. Several substitutes were seen in each team at the beginning of the second half. The freshmen kicked off and the sophomores failing in their effort to make first down, lost the ball but regained it by making a good stand on their 20-yard line and immediately punted. Then the freshmen by steady line plunging, in which Bennett and Thompson were the chief ground gainers, carried the ball down the field fifty yards for a touchdown, which was made by Thompson. Kelly kicked a difficult goal. With two minutes yet to play the sophomores set out to retrieve themselves. Their offensive work braced noticeably and they had the ball on the freshmen's 15-yards line when time was called. Each side played loosely. The freshmen displayed more team work. Their work was more consistent and they gained more ground. They made several fair gains around end. Their backs were speedier and got off better and had better interference. The sophomores seemed unable to get their offensive going. They failed to get together and seemed slow. The halves were short—15 and 10 minutes. For the

freshmen, Bennett, Benedict, Kelly and Thompson excelled, while for the sophomores, McIntyre, Munger, Stowell and France did good work.

Westernville Trip.

The prominent feature of the Westernville trip was the success of Ehret as a "stunt maker." The whole affair was a success, if the manager did not bribe the villagers to say the good things about the entertainment. There were ten men including Manager Harper '03: Vocal quartette—Rockwell '05, first tenor; Hawley '02 (graduate student), second tenor; Carr '04, first bass; Miller '03, second bass. Instrumental quartette—Wicks '04, Abbott '04, Stowell '05, mandolins, and Rockwell '05, guitar; Purdy '06, pianist; Merrick '05, bass soloist. Hawley sang two baritone solos in his usual excellent style. His "wooden arm stunt" which the fellows insisted he should contribute as an addition to the program, completely fascinated the audience. The welcome sign of the evening was the practical assurance of a new "stunt maker" in Ehret. Whether he told a funny story, played fireworks, or chased his thumb, it was all the same to the audience. It was only a question of how much more they would laugh. The success of the program of last Friday promises several strong features for the vacation trips. Hawley, Ehret and Purdy are as attractive as any college club can boast to possess. The full musical clubs will do well if they work up to the form of these representatives.

D. K. E. Convention.

At the Hotel Gayoso, Memphis, Tenn., was held the fifty-sixth annual convention of Delta Kappa Epsilon. The convention opened with a smoker on the 12th, and closed with a banquet on the 14th. There was a convention ball on the 13th. Youker '03 represented the Tau chapter.

No Hop.

There will be no sophomore hop this year. This announcement comes with a shock of disappointment, and to none is the shock greater than to '05. In vain the committee has labored to secure a hall. Music, refreshments, all the accessories were provided, and then the announcement reached us that not a hall either in Clinton or in Utica can be obtained for any night before the week of reviews. The sophomore class will not be misunderstood. It has worked hard to place once more the "hop" upon the old foundation, and only unfortunate circumstances and the irony of fate stand in the way of a most enjoyable college function. But the result is inevitable. For this term the goal must be abandoned. Next term the junior "prom" will engross the attention, time and finances of all, while a freshman frolic seems to be the project of spring term. So for this year the sophomore hop must be only a worthy attempt.

Underclassman Celebration.

As a fitting sequel to the interclass football game last Saturday, the members of the two teams held a mutual admiration blowout in the evening. Procuring a barrel of cider they wheeled it through the town on a wheelbarrow, finally calling a halt on the knoll north of Houghton. Around a large bonfire of leaves and crates several hours passed rapidly, enlivened by singing, yelling and story-telling. At last, after giving their respective class yells, and all joining in an ear-splitting howl for Houghton, the party jumped the fire for luck, rolled the keg down hill and then sought their slumber sweet.

—It was reported in a New York newspaper that the will of the late Mrs. Bartlett, of Clinton, provided a bequest of \$5000 to Hamilton College.

What Freshman Year Means.

It is a strange thing, but only too true, that but few of us realize what freshman year means till we have passed into the ranks of upperclassmen. Then it is, alas, too clear to us what are its grand and peculiar advantages. Then do we perceive too late its golden opportunities and notice with sorrow how those who have the chance of chances within their hands, let each opportunity carelessly slip irretrievably away.

Freshman year is the time you make your key; freshman year you win your "H"; this the year you begin to win the math. prize; and above all, freshman year you make yourself. Few men who have made the false start have the satisfaction of doing well in their classes—evil habits are so hard to shake off. The time to get good college and class spirit is when you first come to college; it is then that you should begin to feel love for your alma mater. It is in freshman year that a man's athletic ability is sized up. Many a good athlete has postponed coming out the first year only to find an almost inseparable barrier arisen between himself and the team. It is but too prevalent a mistake that bohning may be begun in dead earnest "next term"—"next term" means never—the first math. recitation of freshman year counts just as much as the last lecture in ethics senior year. We all know it is human nature to procrastinate, but it is remarkable what sublime trust the college man has that things will turn out all right in the end without his helping them along in the least. And all this does shine not mean that only "star" men can freshman year—no, it is the consistent, loyal, hard-working man, who makes improvement every day he is on the hill, that climbs the most rungs in the ladder here. And last of all freshman year you decide what you are to be—you are making your reputation. Freshman year is essentially a year of probation, in scholarship, in athletics, in manliness. Few freshmen realize every day that here on the hill they are forming impressions in the minds of classmates and fellow students, that are going to be their standard of man in the eyes of the college. It is hard to realize that your bearing toward your classmates, in and out of class, the manner in which you recognize your fellow students upon the street, the spirit you show in supporting the teams that uphold the honor of your college, your willingness to be unselfish

in sacrificing private convenience to general good—all these things and countless others, some trivial in themselves, but of vast importance to the man—that all these determine what you are in college; and that it is determined in your first year.

Most men on coming to college enter into an unknown world, and are dazed by the newness of it all and by the novel situation of being their own master, and some by false impression follow false steps, and by the end of their first year, yes, by the first term, have established a reputation that is well-nigh impossible to shake off. In short, freshman year is the time to become a man; the man who will be respected because is making the most possible out of himself in scholarship, athletics, and manliness.

Hail to the Scrub!

Now that the football season is practically over it might be well to review one branch of it, and before a general criticism is made of the team let us say a few words about that necessary part of the team, that which has helped to make it—the scrub.

It is safe to say that never before have we had so well organized a second eleven, never one so strong and ready. Our thanks are due to Jones '03 for his constant care and his ready hand. He has been captain, manager and general water carrier, and we all appreciate his work and thank him from the bottom of our heart. Let us all be as ready to help him next spring. But to the scrub we owe all that we have done. They deserve the thanks and praise of every man in college, and although they cannot say they have won their "H" or a place on the 'varsity, they can say that they helped to make the team what it has been.

Fellows, it's the men who put their heart and soul into this work, who sacrifice their own time and pleasure, who stand the bangs and bruises and after all receive but a small part of the glory—these are the men who deserve the greatest praise, these are the men whose positions are the hardest to fill. These are men who, when they have finished their course, will have something to take away with them, and will also leave something behind. All praise be to the scrub.

PEET '03.

—Last year at this time the snow on the campus was about 18 inches deep.

A Contest of Wits.

(From an old Magazine.)

I like to read about old actors occasionally. The other day I ran across this yarn:

Theodore Hook, the celebrated humorist, with his famous rival, Tom Hood, was strolling one summer evening on the outskirts of London with their friend Charles Mathews, the great actor, when Hood said to Hook:

"They call us 'the inseparables'; but, after all, it's only natural that Hook-and-eye should always be together—eh, Theo?"

"Bravo, Tom." cried Hook, "that's the best I've heard for a long time! I say, suppose we have a match, which of us two can make the better joke on the spur of the moment. Charlie Mathews here shall be umpire, and the loser shall stand treat for a supper for three."

"Done!" said Hood, and scarcely was the word uttered when they espied a sign-board, the owner of which, wishing to advertise that he sold beer, had unluckily worded the announcement, "Bear sold here," "Oho," said Hook, "I suppose that bear is his own bruin!"

"Well done!" cried Charles Mathews, "You'll have hard work to beat that, friend Thomas."

"I dare say he will do it, though," said Theodore; "he carries more than two faces under one hood, don't you, Tom?"

At that moment they turned a sharp corner and came in sight of a small, tumble-down house standing in the midst of a wretched little plot of worn and trampled grass, just in front of which was displayed a huge board with the inscription, "Beware the dog."

Hood looked warily round him in all directions, and, finding no dog anywhere visible, picked up a broken piece of brick and scribbled underneath the warning, "Ware be the dog?"

"Well, I'll tell you what it is, my boys," said Charles Mathews, "I can't decide between two such jokes as those, and, what's more, I'm not going to try; so we had better all go and sup together, and each pay his own share."

Class Book of '02.

The class book of 1902 has been issued. It is a valuable book and casts great credit upon the editors. A copy of the volume may be procured of Miller '02, New Hartford.

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NEXT WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS.

Attractions for week beginning Nov. 24th:

Monday—"Lost River." Prices, 25, 50, 75, \$1.00.

Tuesday and Wednesday with matinee—Katie Emmet. Prices, 15, 25, 35, 50. Matinee, 10 and 25 cents.

Thursday and matinee—"Fatal Wedding." Prices, 25, 50, 75, \$1.00. Matinee same prices.

Friday and Saturday with matinee—"Kidnapped in New York." Prices, 15, 25, 35, 50. Matinee 10 and 25 cents.

The Orpheum.

College boys will probably be pretty busy on Thanksgiving day attending some football game, but some time during the week they should see the vaudeville program which has been arranged at the Orpheum for Thanksgiving week. Heading the list are McWatters and Tyson in their comedy skit, "A Scene in the Dressing Room." Lew Bloom, the tramp comedian, comes in his original monologue. Bloom was the originator of the tramp characters in the farces of the late Charles Hoyt and will be remembered by all who have seen those plays. The Mason-Keeler Company in "Hooked by Crook," a dramatization of a Smart Set story, have one of the prettiest and most artistic sketches in vaudeville. Al. Lawrence, the mimic, has a lot of new material. Radie Furman, a dainty little lady, who does a splendid bit of German character work; Orville and Frank, balancing gymnasts, and the Lore Trio comedy rubes, complete the Thanksgiving offering at the vaudeville house.

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ROCHESTER'S HERE!

The game with Rochester this afternoon is the last of the season, and it is an important one. Rochester has been working hard and with this game in view. She will be in better shape than when she met Colgate. The pennant hangs on the result. If we win, it means at least a tie. If we lose, we lose the pennant. Everyone should come out and "root." The effect of good yelling and singing was seen two weeks ago and this afternoon we should duplicate that effort. Come out and help to close the season with a victory well won, and won by all.

DON'T "PINCH."

The football men have experienced no little difficulty in keeping track of their football clothing. Class games and practice for them have resulted in a general appropriation by the members of these teams. When the 'varsity men come to dress it is either a shoe or a jersey or something else missing. These men spend about two hours every afternoon on the field and it is not fair to ask them to spend more of their time in searching for missing articles. Now this is only one of the numerous evidences of the need of lockers. But if these are denied the burden of taking only one's own and leaving all else is placed upon every man. It may not seem much if a pair of shin guards or somebody's trousers are borrowed for a little while but it may cause no little inconvenience to that someone else. Perhaps this may seem out of place now that the football season is closed, but basket ball and baseball are to follow and the idea applies likewise to them. It is a matter which needs consideration and attention.

MAGAZINE OPINIONS.

Practically every magazine in the country that takes note of current events has had something to say about the abandonment of English translations at Hamilton College. What they have said is not important, but it is interesting. They generally take the position that trots should be used because they make the study of the classics easier. No one can blame an overworked, worried editor for counselling the easy way; in fact the philanthropic idea does him credit. But every day the sentiment on the hill becomes more pronounced against the "trot," and in this way the action of the faculty has had the desired effect. For an hour of interesting reading these magazine comments are commended.

LAST Wednesday the leader of the banjo club called a meeting of last year's members. But he was kept ten minutes after chapel by a class meeting; and when he came out, the men had gone—they were unwilling to wait. It's entirely wrong! You cannot build a successful organization on such spirit as that. Any man who is too busy to spend ten minutes extra on a matter of such importance, has no right to the confidence of the college or the particular organization. The best test of loyalty to college and to fellow students involves self-sacrifice.

WE ARE sorry to note that abuse of the reading room privileges has been renewed. It is not necessary to speak of college sentiment in this matter.

THE man who takes a live interest in college affairs will pause a moment during the day to read the bulletin board.

AN ENJOYABLE Thanksgiving to you! We all have much to be thankful for.

Repair the Walk.

At this time last year there was snow on the ground, and before many days more it is certain winter will have set in. Then it will be too late to repair the sidewalk and do a good job. This will interfere with coasting,—in fact it will ruin the early coasting. The freshmen ought to hold a meeting Monday to determine what they will do. If they don't repair the walk someone must and a clear understanding ought to be reached before the ground freezes.

Power of Hamiltonian Board.

A class meeting of 1904 was held in chapel on Wednesday. The question under discussion was as to the Emersonian representative on the *Hamiltonian* board. A motion was passed to leave it to the board for recommendation and to have a report from that body. The present board contend they are an organization by themselves and are not responsible to the class, from the fact that they are not appointed by their class, nor are they subsidized by them in any way. Therefore, the board claim they are independent and all power to appoint new men lies within themselves.

November "Lit."

The "Lit." for November is out today. It's a good number; better than usual. Besides its regular features there is a story of camp life by Hallock '06; an account of the first Hamilton football game by Budd '02; "A Golf Episode" by Kinney '06; "Sunset on Lake Geneva" by Beach '05; a poem in French by "Tardus"; apostrophe to the North Star, by Weber '05; a history of the biological laboratory, unsigned; and "The Ducking," a tale in verse by Carter '04. In the Odds and Ends are a ridiculous stanza to "A. S." by Root '03 and some proverbs from the French by Arthur '03. As the "Lit." will be in its readers' hands today no comment will be made on it, other than to commend its perusal to every Hamilton man in or out of college.

A Hint.

At the Yale-Princeton game a few years ago the score stood 11-6 for Yale. There were two minutes left to play. Four yards had to be gained. Twice, the Tigers hurled themselves at the blue line. Not an inch was made. An unnatural silence fell over the vast crowd. Suddenly an old white-haired "grad." rose in his place, and tremblingly said, "Fellows, let's sing old Nassau." The Princeton men stood up and with bared heads sang the "Princeton anthem." Those eleven warriors out on the field there heard, and knew that they must win "for Old Nassau." For the third time they hit that line of blue. It wavered, then broke back and the game was won. Singing that was singing,—a song that every singer felt was doing real good, won the day for Nassau.

English Composition.

The importance of a simple, convincing and pleasing style in writing cannot be overestimated. If a man could gain the mastery over his own language during his college course, and by this we mean a thorough mastery, he could depart from his alma mater satisfied, even had he learned nothing else of all the branches which she offered. A man comes to college with an idea that he has learned English composition in his high school, and as a result his essay work receives the least of his attention. To be sure, when we come here we ought to be able to say what we think, on paper; but there is not one man in five who can write what a competent critic would call a really good essay. We are over-confident in our ability and hence neglect it, and if a graduating class were asked the question: "How many can conscientiously say that they can write an essay of five hundred words, satisfactory to themselves?" we venture to assert that not one in five would answer in the affirmative. The fault lies with the student of course,—yes, Benjamin Franklin learned his facility in writing by a close study of the Spectator, and we all have the same opportunity; but there is one external influence at least, which here at Hamilton somewhat mitigates the student's blame. It cannot be denied that there is altogether too much of what we call "spiel" in all our essay work. Perhaps the air is so full of oratory here that we cannot but show signs of eloquence in our writing, and yet there is a more definite reason for this general characteristic. From freshman year on to the middle of junior year, the majority of our essays are written to be read before the college in chapel, or in the case of the freshmen, in the classroom. A man naturally sacrifices simplicity and directness to rhetorical effect. He knows that he can "catch his audience" better by a few well-rounded phrases which speak well, than by ordinary direct speech. Especially noticeable is that mighty last sentence, where the writer sums up all his arguments in a pathetic appeal (to be spoken in a more pathetic voice), or in a born-poetic eulogy on something he cares nothing about. Five hundred words strung together so that they sound well, is by no means an essay. Now if there is any help for this condition, it lies with the student. Saturday chapels will doubtless continue; but for the college which has to listen to you, have something to say the next time you appear, and for simplicity's sake learn how to say it.

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College Notes.

- Reviews begin after next week.
- Moore '98 is on the hill to spend a few days.
- Warren '02 was in chapel Saturday morning of last week.
- Work is being continued on the cellar of the "new laboratory."
- Mrs. Terrett has left Clinton to spend the winter with relatives.
- Speh '05 thinks "vacuus" means hungry, because it means hollow.
- The picture of last year's football team should be placed in the "gym".
- Humphrey '05 has resumed work he being the last of the fever patients.
- "Bill Shep" returned to his work this week after an illness of a few days.
- Murdock '06 who was injured a few weeks ago, returned to his work Tuesday.
- "Windy" causes Jordan '05 some embarrassment by asking, "Ah, what is your name?"
- "Bib" lectures very fluently on Collins and John O. acknowledges the gifted qualities of the man.
- Basket-ball practice begins Monday. Some of the team have been practicing during the past week.
- Professor Robinson left Clinton for Ohio on Wednesday on business. By his absence the classes who have him gain a few cuts, which will not be amiss at this time of the year.

—Bill Squires' theses are coming in bunches. But then a theses of 2000 or more words isn't much.

—Polson had a lively argument with the sheriff last week, as to the latter's authority to make an arrest.

—The musical clubs gave their first entertainment in Westernville last Friday night, and it resulted very successfully.

—The freshmen have as yet done nothing about the sidewalk. This should be attended to before the snow comes.

—At the freshman-sophomore game Kingsley '05 shook his five nickels in the faces of the freshmen, but nobody took him up.

—A certain underclassman was seen out riding during the Colgate game two weeks ago. This shows rather a poor college spirit.

—In attempting to explain a point in French syntax, Barrows '06 remarks confidently to "Bill Shep," "You know what I mean."

—Too bad the wishes of the "kind old gentlemen" of Clinton, too keep a college man in the "coop", could not be fulfilled last Thursday.

—Melrose '06 provokes laughter in Wednesday chapel by speaking of Choate at the bar. Palmer '05 spoke of a son-of-a-millionaire.

—Sunday the Y. M. C. A. was pleasingly addressed by Mr. Mooshie '00, of Colgate, a Persian. He intends soon to return to his native land.

—A professor found it necessary to ask the students recently not to mark or cut the desks in the recitation rooms. It ought not to be necessary.

—How will the question of the pennant for football this year be settled? Colgate and Hamilton will be tied, providing Hamilton wins today's game.

—The Cubans who were selling cigars on the hill several weeks ago were met in Utica by some of the fellows a few nights ago. They still declare their intention of returning to Cuba in a few days.

—The fact that over 200 people entered Steuben Field to witness the Colgate game without paying the admission fee, emphasizes the necessity of some efficient method of enclosing the athletic field.

—Utica promises to be a lively spot tonight. Nov. 22d marks the end of the football training season and in conjunction with this, "touching upon and appertaining to," so to speak, the D. T. club holds its first banquet of the year at the Butterfield.

—During a recent exchange of "scurfs" between a few freshmen and sophomores in North, several remarks were made which ought never to be heard among gentlemen. Legitimate scurfing is all right in its place and no one will find any fault with it, but when a fellow goes beyond the limit and yells out such remarks as were heard recently, he ought to stop and consider. If any visitor, and especially a lady, should happen along, that person would not carry away a very high opinion of what we are pleased to call "class spirit." The fellows who said those things know who are meant by this article and in the future they would do well to be a little more guarded in their speech.

College Notes.

—"Co-eds: football:: college spirit: victory."

—At Cornell professors are henceforth to be retired at seventy.

—Shouchuck, center of the Carlisle Indian team, is an Eskimo.

—The Concordiensis states that Drummond '01 of Albany Law School is president of the senior class among the law students.

—President Roosevelt and Ex-President Cleveland will be present at the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson of Princeton.

—In Swiss universities Greek is no longer required. German and French are compulsory, and two languages may be selected from Hebrew, Greek, English and Italian.

—Ten per cent. of the men at Lafayette are playing football. Little wonder their team has so enviable a reputation. At Hamilton the number is smaller but the percentage even larger.

—There are estimated to be about three hundred college publications in the United States. Despite a prejudiced opinion to the contrary, athletics are not the only activity of college men.

A "Gym" Exhibition in Utica.

It is reported that "Uncle John" is agitating the matter of holding a "gym" show and musical entertainment in the Majestic in Utica. It seems as though we certainly have the material for such an exhibition in college; and a fine program could be arranged. This would be a great "ad" for the college and might also prove a financial success. The proposition ought to be talked up and the rent of the house obtained and other necessary expenses. Other colleges do this sort of thing and it is up to Hamilton.

Church and Y. M. C. A.

Rev. E. P. Powell, of Clinton, will address the Association and its friends tomorrow at 4, on the subject, "Thanksgiving." Come and get the spirit of the season to carry home with you. If college life is not a thing to be thankful for, you need not come. Therefore, a large attendance is expected.

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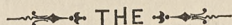
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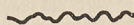
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